



Board of County Commissioners

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Bradenton, Florida 34205
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April 21, 2026

Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

Frank Brunner
Chief Executive Officer
Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc.
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fbrunner@ManateeCrimeStoppers.com

RE: Crime Stoppers Grants

Dear Mr. Brunner:

On behalf of Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of the Florida, (County) and its Board of County Commissioners, Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc., is hereby authorized to act as the County's agent for the purpose of applying for, receiving, and expending Crime Stoppers Trust Fund monies for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. This letter is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 16.555, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 2A-9.002, and to assist you in completing the Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund Grant Applications for the years herein referenced.

Respectfully,

Tal Siddique
Chairperson

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Approved in Open Session 4/21/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

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

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Siddique, 941-392-1740

Action Requested

Motion to approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Letter of Agreement on behalf of Manatee County, Florida, designating Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc. as the County's agent for the purpose of applying for, receiving, and expending Crime Stoppers Trust Fund monies for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Section 16.555(5)(b), Florida Statutes, and Rule 2A-9.002(2), Florida Administrative Code

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

The Office of the Attorney General requires a Letter of Agreement from the Board of County Commissioners authorizing a local Crime Stoppers organization to act as the County's agent for purposes of administering Crime Stoppers Trust Fund monies. Approval of this item will authorize Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc. to apply for, receive, and expend such funds on behalf of Manatee County for the funding cycle beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, in accordance with state requirements. The executed letter will be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Victim Services & Criminal Justice Programs.

Attorney Review

Other (Requires explanation in field below) D'Agostino
Attorney reviewed the letter for legal sufficiency.

Instructions to Board Records

See attached Agenda Update Memo 3, 4.15.24

If approved by the Board, the original executed Letter of Agreement shall be sent to the Office of the Attorney General at the address provided. A scanned copy shall also be emailed to the designated contact for Crime Stoppers of Manatee County, Inc.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A



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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



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

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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.

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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



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Please reply to:

April 20, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for Crime Stoppers of Manatee, Inc.

To: The Honorable Tal Siddique, BOCC Chairperson,
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The Honorable George Kruse, Commissioner, At Large District,
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The Honorable Jason Beard, Commissioner, At Large District,
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The Honorable Dr. Bob McCann, Commissioner, District 5,
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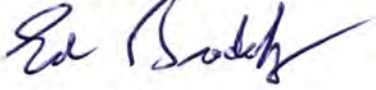
Dear Honorable Chairperson Tal Siddique,

Please accept this letter as my full support for a request tomorrow of your letter of support from the BOCC designating Crime Stoppers of Manatee, Inc. as the official Crime Stoppers organization of Manatee County. The item is scheduled to be heard tomorrow and is listed as Agenda item #43.

Crime Stoppers of Manatee, Inc. has proven to be a valuable organization in Manatee County giving individuals the opportunity to help solve crime and apprehend fugitives in our region by allowing them to remain anonymous when reporting crime or known fugitives.

I'm honored to be a member of Crime Stoppers of Manatee Inc., along with all of our law enforcement Chiefs and our Sheriff in Manatee County. Your letter will ensure they continue to receive the funding from the State that is critical to our region. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Brodsky", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Brodsky
State Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit

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Hi Robin, It was a phone call to me in favor of the CrimeStoppers. No letter.

Best Regards,

Cindy Nelson

Commissioner Aide for Amanda Ballard

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From: Robin Toth <robin.toth@ManateeClerk.com>
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Good Afternoon Cindy,

During yesterday's County Commission action on Agenda Item 43, Commissioner Ballard stated she received a letter of support from City of Palmetto Mayor West on this Item. For the record, please forward to me, the letter from Mayor West.

Thank you,

Robin Toth
Deputy Clerk, Board Records Department



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