



Approved in Open Session 5/5/26
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Tingley Library

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Siddique, 941-392-1740

Action Requested

Direction to staff to negotiate with the City of Bradenton Beach regarding a plan for Manatee County Government's future contributions to the needs and support of Tingley Memorial Library

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

In June 2025, a joint meeting was held between officials of the City of Bradenton Beach and the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners. Among the topics discussed was potential county support for the city-owned Tingley Memorial Library, which received favorable consideration from both parties.

The library was opened in 1994 after a \$500,000 bequest from Beulah Tingley to the City of Bradenton Beach led to the construction of the Tingley Memorial Library. Today it is operated by an independent library advisory board and staffed by a single librarian. The City of Bradenton Beach owns the land and retains ownership of the building. The nonprofit entity, Bradenton Beach Public Library, Inc., administers the remaining funds from the original bequest supporting the library.

The foundation currently maintains slightly more than \$100,000 in remaining funds, which are used to support both capital and operating expenses. The City of Bradenton Beach has requested county assistance to address approximately \$350,000 in capital improvement needs. These needs include the replacement of an A/C unit, ducts, front

See attached Agenda Update Memo 4/30/26

stairs, and rear stairs. The City's building official determined the core structure to be in good condition, and the current metal roof was replaced within the last 10 years. By taking on the capital expense, the foundation's resources can be preserved and replenished for ongoing library support in a manner comparable to "Friends of the Library" organizations associated with other libraries.

At an April 16 meeting of the Bradenton Beach City Commission, the city commission expressed alignment on a framework under which the county could assume certain building maintenance costs. The city is continuing to deliberate their contributions to the property by considering ideas such as incorporating the library parcel into their CRA. Under this proposed framework, the library would continue to operate independently in accordance with the intent of the original public bequest.

Attorney Review

Other (Requires explanation in field below) D'Agostino
Not formally reviewed; formal legal review may be requested at the appropriate time.

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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Updates to Agenda - April 30, 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 4/30/26) for the meeting of May 5, 2026:

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations

Item 5, Small Business Week

- This agenda item was updated to reflect it will be presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Management

Item 14, Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-063; and Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-071 for Infrastructure Sales Tax

- This agenda item was updated with revised Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-063.

Property Management

Item 31, Execution of Non-Residential Optional Supplemental Power Services Agreement and Execution of the Statement of Work with Florida Power & Light Company for 9000 Town Center Parkway, Eric Ausborn, Project Manager - District 5

- This agenda item was updated to delete Assistant County Attorney Hodges' name from the Reviewing Attorney Section and add Supplemental Background Information as an attachment.

REGULAR

Community and Veterans Services

Item 39, Adoption of Resolution R-26-051, approving the Mortgage Modification for Legacy Village I held with Community Assisted & Supported Living, Inc. (CASL), and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-XXX, Tracie Adams, Deputy Director of Community and Veterans Services - District 4

- This agenda item was deferred to a date not set.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 44, Tingley Library

- This agenda item was updated with a public comment.

Item 46, Approval of Agreement with State College of Florida to Provide Last-Dollar Financial Assistance Program

- This agenda item was updated to revise the Title **from** Approval of Agreement with State College of Florida to Provide Last-Dollar Financial Assistance Program **to** Suncoast Prosper.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

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From: Pam Rottschafer <protts09@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2026 11:24 AM
To: George Kruse <george.kruse@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Support for the Tingley Library

Dear Commissioner Kruse,

I'm writing as a board member of the Tingley Memorial Library in Bradenton Beach, ahead of next week's discussion regarding potential county support for needed repairs.

Tingley Library is more than a building—it's a gathering place, a quiet refuge, and a vital resource for residents and visitors of all ages. In a small coastal community like ours, it serves as a hub for connection, learning, and access to information that many still rely on every day.

We are a self-funded library, and while we work hard to sustain operations through donations and volunteers, the scale of these necessary repairs is beyond what our small organization can manage alone.

County support at this moment would not only preserve a cherished part of our community—it would demonstrate a commitment to maintaining meaningful public spaces that enrich quality of life for everyone in Manatee County.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and support.

With gratitude for your service,

Pam Rottschafer
Tingley Memorial Library Board President

Sent from my iPhone