



June 2, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Old Memphis Cemetery Cleanup - District 5

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Dr. Bob McCann

Action Requested

Motion to request/direct the Manatee County Sheriff's Work Release Program, to perform routine maintenance on a regularly scheduled basis.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Old Memphis Cemetery clean up has begun.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

None

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

None

From: [Susie Copeland](#)
To: [Robert McCann](#)
Subject: Fwd: Old Memphis Cemetery
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 7:49:36 PM

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FYI

Below is response I received from Sheriff Wells regarding road gang maintaining Old Memphis Cemetery.

Susie Copeland
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wells, Rick" <Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com>
Subject: RE: Old Memphis Cemetery
Date: May 18, 2026 at 11:46:16 AM EDT
To: Susie Copeland <susieb.copeland@gmail.com>

The County designates the locations that require the services of our Road Gang. To my knowledge, our services have never been utilized at the Old Memphis Cemetery. We will gladly assist with maintaining the property, if the County Commission instructs us to do so. Thanks!

From: Susie Copeland <susieb.copeland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2026 11:32 AM
To: Wells, Rick <Rick.Wells@manateesherriff.com>
Subject: Old Memphis Cemetery

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Dear Sheriff:

I am seeking info on whether the Work Release Program ever maintained the Old Memphis Cemetery, and if so, when did this discontinue? It is my understanding that the County took over the care of the site in 1988 after declaring site abandoned.

If site can be maintained by WRP and approved by Commission, I am making inquiry to Commission and asking they designate site to be maintained by Work Release Program. Thank you for response.

Sincerely,

Susie Copeland

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