From: Anthony Sciullo <anthony.sciullo@mymanatee.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 10:24 PM
To: Clarke Davis <clarke.davis@mymanatee.org>; Denise Greer <denise.greer@mymanatee.org>; Tal Siddique <tal@mymanatee.org>; Bobbi Roy <bobbi.roy@mymanatee.org>
Cc: Prony BonnaireFils <prony.bonnairefils@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Re: Erie road roundabouts at Carter and sawgrass td

Good Evening,

Thank you for the response, this Parrish Lakes hearing is tomorrow and has already been to planning as you know.

It is my opinion that details of the intersection connections on Erie road (Carter and sawgrass) both temporarily as described here and permanently as described in the applicants design work, site plans and presentation to the Planning Commission fail to present this clearly to commissioners and the general public.

I would like to request this summary of transportation plans for this connection be shared if possible during the staff briefing. My intent isn't to impact their decision on the project but for awareness on the timeline and plan for the County's transportation plan and forecast for these two locations.

I am also including the BOCC chair on this for awareness and potential inquiry. Other BOCC members were deliberately excluded to avoid any quasi judicial concerns that may arise from a group discussion.

Thank you for your time,

VR/

Anthony Sciullo

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Subject: RE: Erie road roundabouts at Carter and sawgrass td

Mr. Sciullo,

Excerpting from another email to Transportation Planning staff so they will have this information at the hearing and with key points in bold:

The County has an agreement with Parrish Lakes DRI that*, among other things,* ***includes reimbursement provisions for the developer's construction of roundabouts at the intersections of Erie Rd with Carter Rd/Harrison Ranch Blvd and Erie Rd with Sawgrass Rd.*** *The construction was to occur* ***based on plans prepared and permitted by the County****, and because developer's construction is the subject of a reimbursement provision, the County funding would have to be programmed in the Capital Improvement Program.*

After the agreement was executed, the Erie Rd "west" project was deferred until additional funding is available. Therefore, the ***roundabout designs are not complete and permitted, and CIP funding is not in-place for the reimbursement.*** *However, recognizing the need to provide intersection form and control that is better than stop control,* ***the County programmed span wire traffic signals at the two Erie Rd intersections.*** *These are lower cost improvements than roundabouts. A traffic signal is funded in FY27 for each intersection, and work assignments for designs are expected to be issued within the next several weeks.* ***The full schedule is not set, but we tentatively expect traffic signal designs to be completed in Spring 2027 and construction to be completed in Fall 2027.***

Thanks.

Clarke

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Subject: RE: Erie road roundabouts at Carter and sawgrass td

Hi Anthony

I would prefer we get an answer from Clarke Davis, Interim Public Works Director as I am not completely up to speed on all the agreements.

Clarke can you help both of us understand the roundabouts at for Carter Road and Sawgrass Road on Erie Road. Thank you!!

Denise Greer, P.E. LEED^{AP} | Deputy Director

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Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 2:54 PM
To: Denise Greer <denise.greer@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Erie road roundabouts at Carter and sawgrass td

Good afternoon Ma'am,

I was recently asked about the round about projects at the two locations mentioned in the subject line. From what I understand those are NOT county funded projects to connect but I may be mistaken. Carter Road and Sawgrass Rd.

I know they were part of the internal roads in the project plan through Parrish lakes., so I was assuming their connection to Erie via roundabout was included in that system.

Am I mistaken in stating the roundabouts are NOT CIP but rather private public partnerships which are funded and moving ahead by the developer offset by impact fee credit?

Thanks for the help,

V/R,

Tony Sciullo

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 04:35PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Michel **Last Name:** Adams
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Termination of the County Administrator.
Comment	I support the termination of County Administrator Charlie Bishop. His disrespect on the dais towards commissioners during county meetings. Bishop Animal Shelter fiasco. Purchase of the new county administration building that is not suitable for workers without significant remodeling. Wasteful spending for a service contract to an outside source for a once a month testing of a new generator which staff should easily be able to do.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 06:57PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Donna **Last Name:** Sweiss
Email	dsasu@aol.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Charlie Bishops contract
Comment	As a Manatee county resident I strongly urge you to NOT renew Charlie Bishops contract. Mr Bishop does NOT demonstrate honesty, and is NOT trustworthy. He awards contracts to friends, clearly doesn't listen to the community that he WORKS FOR and lacks integrity. Is there integrity in politics anymore? Hard to find in Manatee County. LETS START TO CHANGE THAT BY NOT RENEWING HIS CONTRACT.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 07:54PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Tracey **Last Name:** Hooper
Email	Lostcat44@yahoo.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Charlie Bishop
Comment	Get rid of him, wasted tax payer dollars.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 10:37PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** John **Last Name:** Taylor
Email	rtnjohntaylor@gmail.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	2
Comment	To start, the contract of county administrator was pushed so that the new board could vote on who they want in this position. That is the will of the board, it's what the board voted for, it's what we should be doing and the current discussion should be tossed out. When it comes to our county administrator, I have not seen many other individuals in our local government show up, care, fight for our county day in and day out. When members of our county come forth with ideas, opportunities and solutions, Charlie Bishop is attentive, supportive and engaged. Charlie represents Manatee County very well and we should be able to negotiate a new contract for him when we have a full board, not one with vacant seats and outgoing members.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 08:02PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Sylvia **Last Name:** Brauler
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Bishop's Contract & Moratorium
Comment	I am writing to formally request that Charlie Bishop be terminated from his position and to urge the Board to support a moratorium on data center development in Manatee County. My request for Mr. Bishop's termination is based on my concerns regarding his actions and leadership and whether they reflect the accountability, transparency, and responsibility that residents should expect from county leadership. I ask the Board to review these concerns carefully and take appropriate action. I am also asking you to support a moratorium on data centers while the County carefully evaluates their long-term impact on our community—including infrastructure, water and energy demands, land use, environmental concerns, taxpayers, and quality of life. Seaflower is enough. We have already sold too much of our land to development. Do we really want to continue down a path that turns Manatee County into a concrete jungle? Our county is blessed with beautiful natural habitat, plants, trees, and wildlife. We have a responsibility to preserve these areas for the wildlife that depends on them and for the generations who will come after us. Once natural land is developed, we cannot simply get it back. Growth should not mean sacrificing everything that makes Manatee County special. Please do not allow financial interests and greed to take priority over our land, natural resources, wildlife, and quality of life. There must be a point when we say enough is enough. Before approving additional developments that could permanently change our community, residents deserve transparency, careful

	planning, and a meaningful opportunity to be heard. Preserve our land. Protect our natural habitat. Protect our wildlife. Respect your residents. Protect our future. I urge you to listen to the people who live here and take action before more of our irreplaceable land is gone.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 08:13PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Leroy **Last Name:** Washington
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Commissioner Agenda Items: #2 Administrator Contract
Comment	October 5, 2026 To the Board of County Commissioners: My name is Leroy J. Washington, a Manatee County District 1 resident. I respectfully submit this public comment for inclusion in the record for the October 6, 2026, Regular Meeting, Agenda Item No. 2, under Commissioner Comments: Administrator Contract. I am writing in support of County Administrator Charlie Bishop and, equally important, in support of a fair, measured, and performance-based process when considering the future of the County's chief administrative officer. I have known Mr. Bishop for more than 17 years in several capacities—as a subordinate, colleague, supervisor, and friend. During that time, I have watched him serve Manatee County as a line employee, department director, Deputy County Administrator, and ultimately County Administrator. That history has given me the opportunity to observe not only the positions he has held, but the seriousness with which he has approached public service. Very few employees I have encountered during my time with Manatee County have taken their responsibilities more seriously or approached their work with greater diligence. For that reason, I believe any discussion regarding his continued service should focus first and foremost on his performance as County Administrator and his execution of the responsibilities assigned to him by this Board. Much of the public discussion I have heard surrounding this issue appears to involve matters outside of his current job performance or events that occurred before his appointment as County Administrator. I do not believe those matters should overshadow an objective evaluation of how he has performed the job the Board selected him to do. I also have concerns when discussions regarding an employee's contract become intertwined with public appeals to debate that individual's character rather than his professional performance. Oversight of the County Administrator is unquestionably the responsibility of this Board. However, that oversight should be exercised through an orderly, consistent, and professional process that

gives appropriate weight to performance, contractual obligations, organizational needs, and the best interests of Manatee County.

Over the past six years, County employees have worked under five individuals serving as County Administrator, whether permanently or on an interim basis. That level of turnover matters. While leadership may change, the responsibilities of County government do not. Employees are still expected to serve residents, implement Board policy, manage projects, deliver services, and maintain continuity across the organization.

Charlie Bishop has carried out the policies, priorities, and initiatives approved by this Board and has worked to implement the direction provided to him. His ability to consider the County's long-term needs has benefited strategic planning, the implementation of major initiatives, and efforts to keep employees focused on delivering results for the public. His tenure also represents the longest period of continuity in the administrator's position during the past six years.

If there are legitimate concerns regarding his performance, accountability requires that those concerns be identified, documented, and addressed when they occur. An employee should be given clear expectations and a fair opportunity to respond to concerns about his or her performance. If significant performance deficiencies existed, I believe those issues should have been raised and addressed through the appropriate process rather than emerging for the first time during an already polarizing election season.

Under Mr. Bishop's leadership, the County has continued efforts to centralize and strengthen business practices, improve organizational consistency, and advance major community initiatives. The County has also developed a broader strategy to address homelessness among veterans, women and families, and single adults experiencing housing instability. Employees are increasingly being given the opportunity to perform within their professional responsibilities while receiving recognition for the work they do on behalf of this community.

Those accomplishments do not mean that every decision has been perfect, nor should any County Administrator be beyond scrutiny. Rather, they demonstrate why decisions concerning the administrator should be based on a complete assessment of performance and organizational impact.

Having previously served in that position, I also understand that while the County Administrator functions as the chief executive officer of the organization, that authority is not unlimited. The Board of County Commissioners establishes policy and provides direction, while the administrator is responsible for implementing that direction through the organization. It is therefore important that responsibility for County decisions be evaluated within the proper roles of both the Board and the administration.

I cannot speak to every concern expressed by every resident, nor would I suggest that all criticism is misplaced. I can say, however, that many of the challenges and instability Manatee County has experienced over the past several years involve policy and governance

decisions that extend beyond the authority of any one administrator. Most importantly, the organization and its employees need stability. Changes in executive leadership carry consequences throughout County government, affecting employees, institutional knowledge, ongoing projects, strategic initiatives, partnerships, and ultimately the residents who depend upon County services.

If Mr. Bishop's contract provides for a decision regarding extension or renewal in February, I believe that established process provides the appropriate opportunity for the Board to evaluate his performance, discuss expectations for the future, and determine whether the contractual relationship should continue.

Accordingly, I respectfully ask the Board to take no action on the Administrator's contract at this time, to vote down any motion seeking premature action, and to allow consideration of the contract to occur at the time and in the manner contemplated by its provisions.

This is not an argument against accountability. It is an argument for accountability exercised through a fair process, based upon performance, with appropriate consideration given to the stability of the organization and the long-term interests of Manatee County.

Thank you for your time and for including these comments in the public record.

Respectfully,

Leroy J. Washington
Manatee County District 1 Resident

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 05:26PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Amanda **Last Name:** Parrish
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	G2 Administrator Contract
Comment	My name is Amanda Parrish. I am a Manatee County resident, business owner, and Partner and COO of Fawley Bryant Architecture. Through my role at Fawley Bryant, I have had the opportunity to work with Manatee County for approximately ten years. Most recently, I had the privilege of serving as Interim CEO of the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation while continuing in my full-time role at Fawley Bryant. Taking on that responsibility was a significant commitment, and candidly, it would have been very easy to decline. Instead, Charlie Bishop made me feel welcomed, supported, and genuinely valued as someone who could help Manatee County and our broader region through an important period of transition. That experience gave me an even greater appreciation for Charlie's leadership. One of the clearest reflections of that leadership is the team surrounding him. In my ten years working with the County, I have never seen such a strong group of professionals across the organization. That starts with Deputy County Administrators Stephanie Garrison and Bryan Purnell and extends to people like Aimee Johnson, Nicole Knapp, Carrie Knight, Molly White, and many others who bring tremendous skill, commitment, and passion to their work on behalf of Manatee County. Great leaders do more than lead themselves. They identify talented people, empower them, give them visibility, and create an environment where they can make an impact. That has been my experience watching Charlie lead the County team. From the perspective of both a resident and a business that works with Manatee County, I have found this team to be responsive, collaborative, professional, and genuinely enjoyable to work with. I hope you will consider my experience and perspective as you evaluate Charlie's continued service to Manatee County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 10:36PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Susan **Last Name:** Stickle
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	County Administrator Contract
Comment	Another dog (Woody) died because of the kennel Trailers/Sheds - 34" x 57" (a crate) at the Bishop property. Who authorized this purchase and why weren't we (the public) invited to be involved in the discussion?? And why is there no signature on the purchase order? This NEVER should have happened, Woody should still be alive and looking for his forever home. This condition is called "Containment Anxiety". It is much like Claustrophobia in humans, it is not something that is the fault of the Dog in any way, shape or form. I blame personally Charlie Bishop and the entire BOCC for this death. Shame on ALL of you! Do better like our tax dollars pay you to. TERMINATE CHARLIE BISHOP'S CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY! Susan Stickle Manatee County resident and Voter.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 05:01PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Becky **Last Name:** Brothers
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Charlie Bishop - Contract terminate
Comment	I am asking the Board of County Commissioners to terminate County Administrator Charlie Bishop's contract and conduct a national search for a qualified replacement. I am making this request based on job performance. I don't need to get into the other controversies surrounding this administration. From where I sit, it is clear that the County can and should be doing better. We need a County Administrator who understands the responsibilities of this position and consistently fulfills them—someone who leads with integrity, transparency, accountability, sound judgment, and respect for the people they serve. We need a forward-thinking, solution-oriented leader who doesn't cut corners, follows County policies and procedures, listens to the community, works collaboratively, manages projects effectively, embraces technology and innovation, and takes responsibility for results. Just as importantly, we need someone who creates an inclusive culture where County employees can develop, grow, contribute, and feel valued. When our employees are supported and engaged, our community benefits. Let's set a higher standard for Manatee County. Terminate the current contract, conduct a transparent national search, and find a County Administrator who will do the job, do it well, and do it the right way—for the employees, the community, and the future of Manatee County.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 07:37PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Jonna **Last Name:** Koellhoffer
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Contract/Bishop
Comment	Commissioners: Charlie Bishop needs to be released from his contract immediately. He is not the right person to lead Manatee County, and the continued pattern of questionable decisions, unprofessional conduct, and lack of accountability should be deeply concerning to every member of this Commission. There have been far too many issues involving Mr. Bishop for the Commission to continue looking the other way. As the County Administrator, he is entrusted with overseeing county operations, employees, policies, and millions of dollars in taxpayer funds. His conduct should reflect the professionalism, integrity, transparency, and accountability expected of someone in that position. It does not. The recent paperwork involving the kennel trailers is just one of the latest examples. We are talking about thousands and thousands of dollars in county expenditures and a purchase order that apparently has no signature. How does the county procure a purchase, authorize it, and ultimately pay for it without the required documentation and signatures? Who authorized it? Who approved it? Who was responsible for ensuring the proper procurement process was followed? And perhaps most importantly, where is the accountability? Then there is Mr. Bishop's conduct at a recent Board meeting. A sitting commissioner made a request, and Mr. Bishop flatly refused. Disagreement is one thing. A County Administrator openly refusing a request from a member of the governing body he ultimately reports to is

another.

And asking a sitting commissioner if he "wants to take this outside" is completely unacceptable behavior for a County Administrator. There were countless professional ways he could have handled a disagreement. That was not one of them.

That kind of behavior should not be normalized or excused.

There are also serious concerns about the promotion of an individual who was allegedly not qualified for the position, followed by Mr. Bishop winking at her while making his recommendation. Whether intentional or not, that type of conduct creates an appearance of favoritism and undermines public confidence in the county's hiring and promotion processes.

Manatee County deserves better.

We need a County Administrator who understands that the position is a public trust—not a personal fiefdom. We need someone who respects the Board of County Commissioners, follows county policies and procedures, understands proper procurement and financial controls, treats employees professionally, and understands that every decision is ultimately accountable to the taxpayers.

Instead, we continue to see questions surrounding Mr. Bishop's decisions and conduct.

At what point is enough enough?

Commissioners, you have the authority and responsibility to address this. You are the elected officials ultimately accountable to the citizens of Manatee County. You should not wait for another controversy, another questionable expenditure, another personnel issue, or another confrontation before taking action.

I am asking each of you to seriously consider whether Charlie Bishop has earned the continued confidence of this Commission and the citizens you represent.

I believe the answer is no.

His contract should be terminated, and Manatee County should begin the process of finding a County Administrator who can be trusted to put the interests of this county, its employees, and its taxpayers first.

Jonna J Koellhoffer
Manatee county resident and voter

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 07:25PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Veronica **Last Name:** DeMaggio
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Administrator Contract
Comment	I would like to see Charlie Bishop’s contract terminated. His dealings in his position are highly suspect. Starting with how the Manatee Shelter situation was handled. He was part of the trailer idea and funding along with moving the dogs over from palmetto before it was ready. It has been pointed out he has barely worked in months and fires his assistant without giving cause as I believe she may have been honest with people asking where he was. He has given his partner and friends favors in contracts and used his privilege in places for favoritism. He is nit an asset for this county and is literally bringing it down. He looks like he awoke from an all night bender when he is at the commissioner meetings. Appoint someone enthusiastic, honest and ready to make a difference for the county for the positive.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 6, 2026, 04:59AM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Veronica **Last Name:** Thames
Email	veronica.lequeux@yahoo.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	County administrator Charlie Bishop‘s contract renewal
Comment	Dear Chair and Commissioners. My name is Veronica Thames. I’m here tonight as a private citizen, not representing any organization. I’m speaking in support of renewing the County Administrator’s contract. At the same time, I encourage the Commission to consider engaging an external consultant—or potentially convening a community task force with the appropriate expertise—to conduct a comprehensive regional and national compensation analysis for this position. I say that as someone with leadership, board, and professional experience in human resources. One thing I have learned is that we cannot reasonably expect any governing body to collectively possess every specialized skill set and every piece of market knowledge necessary to make the many complex decisions that come before it. That is not a criticism of this Commission. It is a recognition of the enormous responsibility you carry. Compensation for a County Administrator is particularly complex. It requires consideration of the scope and complexity of the organization, the responsibilities of the position, comparable counties, total compensation and benefits, and the increasingly competitive market for experienced public-sector leadership talent. Given that reality, I believe the Board would benefit from an independent, objective analysis before making a long-term compensation commitment. I am certainly not suggesting that an outside consultant or task force make the decision. That responsibility belongs to the elected Board of County Commissioners. The purpose of the analysis would simply be to provide the Board with the best available information to inform its decision.

We ask our County Administrator to make sophisticated decisions every day on behalf of a rapidly growing and increasingly complex community. I believe the Board should have access to the same level of expertise when evaluating the compensation and retention of the person leading that organization.

So my request is two-fold: support the renewal of the County Administrator’s contract, while also considering an independent compensation analysis to help inform the appropriate terms to support your decision.

I believe those two things are entirely compatible—and ultimately serve the best interests of the County and its residents.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 06:56PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Carol **Last Name:** Whitmore
Email	andreart@aol.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Administrator
Comment	No Commissioner has asked for the termination of the county administrator except for the outgoing commissioner. A last ditch effort, he should have done this the three years and eleven months he has been in office.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 05:37PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Stu **Last Name:** Henderson
Email	SHenderson@FawleyBryant.com
Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	County Administrator Contract
Comment	Chair and Commissioners, My name is Stu Henderson, and I am a Partner at Fawley Bryant Architecture. Our firm has worked throughout Manatee County for many years, and I want to share my support for Charlie Bishop. Charlie brings a deep understanding of Manatee County—its history, its challenges, its people, and where the community is headed. That knowledge is incredibly valuable in a County Administrator. From our firm's perspective, Charlie has also been a consistent and accessible presence. He is always willing to listen, have a conversation, and provide a clear and thoughtful voice on the issues affecting the County and the business community. He also brings a calm, steady demeanor that attracts good people and gives them confidence to do their jobs well. Just as importantly, Charlie is genuinely loved and respected by the people who know him well. To me, that says a great deal about his character. The care and loyalty he shows to the people around him translates directly into the way he serves this community. That combination of institutional knowledge, accessibility, character, and steady leadership matters. I strongly support his continued service as Manatee County Administrator. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my perspective. Stu Henderson Partner Fawley Bryant Architecture

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 06:39PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** David **Last Name:** Otterness
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	County Administrator Contract
Comment	What is a leader? A leader is someone who guides, inspires, and influences a group of people toward a shared goal. They have a vision and mission to better the organization. A true check of leadership is hearing from the individuals underneath whom help with this goal. Listen to them.....their stories, ambitions, and involvement with-in the community along with the departments in which they serve. I truly believe you will hear, Charlie Bishop fits the category of an excellent leader for Manatee County.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 06:54PM EDT

Full Name	**First Name:** Susan **Last Name:** Stickle
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	County Administrator Contract
Comment	Due to the many known issues with County Administrator Charlie Bishop, I am requesting that his contract be terminated effective immediately. In addition to all other known past transgressions, more recently he turned off public comments on the social media broadcasts in an effort to silence constituents. Also, promoting an employee to Deputy County Administrator who wasn't qualified, without interviewing any other potential candidates who may have had proper qualifications. Charlie Bishop then lied and said that he did. There is no public record or evidence that he even took resumes for this position. Furthermore, with regards for the kennel trailers/sheds at the Bishop facility, there is no signature on the purchase order. However, the trailers were delivered, installed and paid for. Who authorized this purchase order and why was there no signature? What are you hiding? Susan Stickle Manatee County Resident 973.885.3203

From: Tammy Schrader <tammyschrader75@aol.com>
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Subject: Our County Administrator feedback.

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Dear Honorable County Commissioners:

Janice Crane and I both feel we would be remiss if we did not share my feelings about our county administrator's job performance.

Neither Janice nor I have first-hand knowledge as a member of the public, except one.

All we can go on is what we see from out here. Here is what has been seen:

First, when we read that our county administrator could not keep from using his personal cell phone to conduct County business. I just started shaking my head, but policy may be set purposely. That should not be grounds for termination. We have had to use our personal phone for business calls!

Then, Bishop Animal Shelter Prefab Fiasco

Paying $60,000 for an animal art report that was basically hidden from the public and obviously not even remotely considered, which plainly stated prefab kennels were not recommended. Waste of money!

Yet, somehow prefabs were allowed to replace the concrete block kennel facility, without going out for bid that was originally planned after being budgeted and approved and brought to the public, AND the public raising what we heard was over $2 million dollars for said concrete kennel.

A pitiful amount of money was allocated toward Animal Services from the 2016 infrastructure sales tax; 10 years ago now, on recall of the new Animal Shelter was supposed to be built with that money and is a big reason why it even passed!

Prefabs -

Sufficient shade not planned for.

Sufficient drainage for rain not ensured prior to moving the dogs.

Sufficient drainage for dirty mop, water not planned for

No dog bathing area in the kennels.

Dogs being moved too soon before improvements were made, after the public was told (promised) they WOULD NOT be moved until after the UF report was completed and improvements were made! Laundry facilities not centrally located making it a hard ship to get to them and NO HOT WATER!

Then they were moved!!! They have been in crisis survival mode ever since! Problem after problem .

This week, a puppy named Woody had to be euthanized because he went crazy in that environment! A puppy! THE DOGS ARE NOT ACCLAMATED BUT SEGREGATED FROM PEOPLE MAKING THEM MORE TIMID OR FEARFUL INSTEAD OF SOCIAL INTERACTION NEEDED FOR THE WELL BEING OF STAFF, PUBLIC AND ANIMALS.

And lastly, and very shocking the geossly blatant insubordination towards Commissioner Bearden at a meeting!

Sir, you are not in any position to deny request of a BOCC member! Telling any commissioner “no,” to a request is highly contentious! It is your obligation to ensure all requests from BOCC who are acting on behalf of every citizen in 17,000 square miles of this county is not beneath your job grade znd its not being a tesm player in helping to resolve an important requirement quint essential involving animals lives or anything pertaining the taxpayers! If someone asks you for a report from you that is your job?

Employees of this county go well beyond our job descriptions often because its what team players do!

The fact you ignore and clearly lack concern for substandard facilities is outrageous for staff and animals is gross abuse by state law!

Hearing the exchange what are your employees supposed to think when they hear these things?

This is not professional behavior. The facilities with flooding, temperatire issues. Laundry issues, lack of ability to hire sufficient staff for animals is gross neglect!

As someone who did HR, that is gross insub-

bordination!

County policy is very clear on definition of insubordination and the consequences of said act are clearly outlined.

In shorty, too many promises made have NOT been kept!

This may or may not be in part be fully your fault, but your position is the shoulder key position of responsibility to see it thru!

A county administrator does not tell the BOCC NO. THEY ADDRESS THE REQUEST AS INSTRUCTED!

The operations of our county fall directly on your shoulders! You have the obligation to see to it needs are met. This is not and should not be too much to expect from you.

With the salary that goes along with your job title, we wholly and fully expect much, much more from you than insubbordination and gross neglect.

We fully support the contract termination without benefits or perks. His la k of attention were beyond neglectful and no one should ever expect insolence and insubbordination of Bocc Members and gross neglect of Bishop' s Animal Shelter we feel merits the firing of our County Administrator. Failure to follow policy, failure to meet needs and failure to carry out directive from ANY BOCC MEMBER is definitive insubbordination and frankly the State should be looking into his arrest of the Bishop's fiasco.

Sincerely,

Tammy Schrader

Janice Crane

Bradenton, Florida

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
Oct 5, 2026, 04:11PM EDT

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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	County Administrator Termination
Comment	I support the termination of County Administrator Bishop. I do not feel that the county is moving in a positive direction and would like to see new leadership as promised.

Public Comment

Manatee County Government

Submitted On:
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Which meeting is this public comment for? (Please select date of meeting)	October 06, 2026
Topic/Agenda Item	Future
Comment	PUBLIC STATEMENT: Accountability, Respect, and Leadership in Manatee County FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS OF MANATEE COUNTY: Manatee County government manages a massive $1 billion budget funded entirely by the hard-working taxpayers of this community. In any private corporation, managing a financial portfolio of this scale requires absolute fiscal discipline, operational transparency, strict adherence to governance, and profound respect for the stakeholders—the taxpayers. Unfortunately, under the tenure of County Administrator Charlie Bishop, leadership has strayed far from these basic standards. It is time for a change. County Administrator Charlie Bishop should be terminated from his position. Recent public meetings and ongoing administrative friction have laid bare a troubling breakdown in professional decorum and governance. Taxpayers should not-and will not-tolerate an administrator who displays open disrespect toward elected commissioners, pushes back against oversight, and oversees internal promotional practices that bypass merit in favor of favoritism. When public servants cross the line from defending internal operations into open hostility and unprofessional outbursts against the people's elected representatives, the breakdown of leadership is complete. In the private sector, executive leadership that behaves contentiously toward its board, mismanages personnel structures, or operates with a lack of institutional accountability would be shown the door immediately. Yet, in Manatee County, residents are expected to foot the bill while administrative friction and questionable staffing decisions take center stage. The taxpayers of Manatee County are the primary stakeholders of this billion-dollar enterprise. We deserve professional leadership that respects the authority of the Board of County Commissioners, honors the taxpayers who fund public operations, and brings integrity and accountability back to county administration. We call upon the Board of County Commissioners to put the interests of the citizens first, stop tolerating these ongoing leadership failures, and

vote to terminate Charlie Bishop's contract.
Respectfully Submitted,
A Concerned Taxpayer and Resident of Manatee County
GADFLY

ORDINANCE NO. 26-42

AN ORDINANCE OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, SITE PLANS, DEVELOPMENT ORDERS, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, SPECIAL PERMIT USES, REZONINGS, AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS RELATED TO DATA CENTERS, LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTERS AND OTHER LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED MANATEE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT; TEMPORARY MORATORIUM IMPOSED; DURATION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, (hereinafter the "Board") has the authority pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, and Article VIII of the Florida Constitution to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and to enact ordinances for valid governmental purposes that are not inconsistent with general or special law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter Law 2026-65 creating Section 163.326, Florida Statutes, specifically provides for the authority of the Board to regulate facilities with substantial electric or other utility demands, such as data centers, large-scale data centers, as defined in Sections 373.203(3) and (4), Florida Statutes, and other large load customers, as defined in Section 366.043(2)(d), Florida Statutes, through comprehensive plans and land development regulations. Further, newly created Section 373.262, Florida Statutes, provides that local governments may prohibit the siting of large-scale data centers within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County is located within a coastal region and in the Tampa Bay Area, an area that relies heavily upon groundwater resources from the Floridan Aquifer system and surface waters; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, of which Manatee County is a member, emphasize the importance of careful management of groundwater withdrawals and surface

water resources to ensure long-term environmental and economic stability for the region; and

WHEREAS, data centers, large-scale data centers, and other large load customers (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Data Center or Facilities”) are known to require substantial water resources for cooling systems and substantial electrical power to support continuous computing operations, which in some cases require infrastructure demands comparable to small municipalities; and

WHEREAS, such Facilities have the potential to place significant demands on regional water supplies, water treatment infrastructure, electrical grid capacity, particularly in rapidly growing areas such as Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, such Facilities are typically massive in scale, covering vast land areas hundreds of acres in size with buildings and infrastructure, while providing little to no employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Manatee County currently lacks specific zoning provisions or development regulations addressing the unique operational characteristics, infrastructure requirements, and environmental considerations associated with Data Center Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that allowing such Facilities to proceed without appropriate regulatory standards would create risks to the County’s and the Region’s water resources, electrical infrastructure capacity, and land use planning objectives, will undermine economic development initiatives and long-term community development strategies; and

WHEREAS, local governments may enact moratoriums if the moratorium is intended to preserve the status quo and is rationally related to the government’s attempt to enact changes to development regulations. (*WCI Communities Inc. v. City of Coral Springs*, 885 So. 2d 912 (Fla. 4th DCA 2004)); and

WHEREAS, Florida courts have held that a permissible base for land use restrictions include concern about the effect of the proposed development on traffic, congestion, surrounding property values, demands for public services, and on other aspects of the general welfare. (*WCI Communities, Inc. v. City of Coral Springs*, 885 So. 2d 912, 915 (Fla. 4th DCA 2004); see also *Corn v. City of Lauderdale Lakes*, 997 F. 2d 1369, 1375 (11th Cir. 1993)); and

WHEREAS, local governments are entitled to enact moratoriums as a land-use tool to promote effective planning and preserve the status quo while formulating a more permanent development strategy. (*Tahoe-Sierra Pres. Council, Inc. v. Tahoe Reg'l Planning Agency*, 535 U.S. 302, 337; 122 S. Ct. 1465, 1487 (2002); and

WHEREAS, a temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments related to Data Center Facilities within unincorporated Manatee County will allow the Board the opportunity to determine the appropriateness of allowing such uses and adopt amendments to the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan ("Comprehensive Plan"), Land Development Code("LDC"), and Code of Ordinances ("County Code") and other applicable regulations, as may be required, to regulate or prohibit such uses and the off-site impacts related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to establish a temporary moratorium of up to one (1) year on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments related to Data Center Facilities within the unincorporated area and such moratorium is reasonable and necessary to accomplish the goal of revising its regulations to ensure the community welfare is well-balanced and the public health, safety, and general welfare are preserved; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners applied the Pending Ordinance Doctrine to this Data Center Facilities Moratorium Ordinance, which was first noticed by publication for public hearing on September 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, public notice of all hearings required by law has been provided in accordance with Chapters 125 and 163, Florida Statutes, and the LDC; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and declares that this Ordinance imposing a moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments related to Data Center Facilities is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare, and that it advances a valid and important public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. Authority. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, and under the home rule powers of the County in the interest of the health, peace, safety, and general welfare of the people of Manatee County.

SECTION 2. Legislative Findings of Fact. The foregoing Whereas clauses, incorporated herein, are true and correct. The Board further finds that to enable the Development Services Department and other affected County Departments the opportunity to research, study, and determine the appropriate treatment of Data Center Facilities in Manatee County, it is necessary to place a moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments related to Data Center Facilities within the unincorporated area.

SECTION 3. Applicability. The temporary moratorium is applicable to the unincorporated area of Manatee County, Florida.

SECTION 4. Temporary Moratorium Imposed. The County hereby imposes a temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments related to Data Center Facilities within the unincorporated areas. The adoption of this Ordinance is undertaken by the County in good

faith and is intended to further the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, and Chapter Law 2026-65 and is not intended to discriminate against those landowners which may be subject to this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Duration of Temporary Moratorium. The duration of this temporary moratorium shall be twelve (12) months, or until such time as repealed by the Board, whichever occurs first, and may be extended by resolution of the Board to the extent permitted by law. In addition, this temporary moratorium shall not exceed twelve (12) months unless approved by the Board by a majority vote. The limited duration of this temporary moratorium has been established to accomplish appropriate planning and regulations for future development through the LDC amendment process as described in Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, the Comprehensive Plan, the County Code and other applicable regulations. The Board may extend this moratorium by resolution if it makes a legislative determination that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Manatee County to do so.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Ordinance is held invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Board would have adopted the Ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 8th day of October 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk