

February 1, 1960

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in regular session in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, February 1st, 1960 at 9:30 a.m.

Present were Commissioners John G. Jones, H. C. Slaughter, Irwin Klemmer, Elmer Bustle and Tom W. Jennings, County Attorney George H. Harrison and Clerk M. T. McInnis.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Slaughter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Chairman Slaughter stated that if there were no alterations, corrections or additions the minutes would stand approved as read.

JOINT MEETING OF BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SARASOTA & MANATEE  
WITH ALBERT ROGERO

Chairman Slaughter advised that there was a meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4th, 1960 in this office with Albert Rogero and the members of the Sarasota Board.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION (BRADENTON)  
PROPOSAL FOR COURT HOUSE MALL

Harry Butler, representing the Downtown Merchants Association of Bradenton, advised that the Association had long been concerned with a plan for a Downtown Mall in Bradenton; that it would not be practical to take up a street or parking lot for this purpose and that a workable suggestion for using the north side of the court house property for a park type mall seemed feasible and was at this time presented for the Board's study and consideration.

E. R. (Bud) Reasoner displayed a sketch of the proposed mall the explained the layout as to paving, plantings, lighting, seating parks, etc., estimated project cost \$12,000.00 to be financed on a three-way deal, the county to pay one-half, the Merchants Association and the City of Bradenton to pay the remaining one-half. He told the Board that the reason for presenting this proposal at this time was to obtain permission for the planting of a native cedar tree in the Mall for a permanent Christmas tree and the transplanting should be done during the next two or three months during the dormant season.

CEDAR TREE AUTHORIZED PLANTED ON COURT HOUSE PROPERTY

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the Downtown Bradenton Merchants Association was given permission to plant the cedar tree on the north side of the court house property.

The plan was given general approval by the Board with the matter to be further considered at the time of preparation of the new county budget.

RAYLL COMPANY (RAYALL)

BID ON GRADALL HELD ANOTHER WEEK

The bid on a Gradall Machine, submitted by the Rayll Company (January 25, 1960) was held firm for one week.

DUNCAN, I. E.

CORRECTIVE DEED EXECUTED

The County Attorney presented a request from Grimes and Grimes, attorneys, for a corrective deed to be issued and executed to I. E. Duncan and Maude Duncan, his wife, for Lots 23 and 24 of Resubdivision of Dryman's Third Subdivision. He explained that the original deed had not specified "Resubdivision" in the description and a corrected deed was

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necessary in order to clear title.

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bustle, issuance of a corrective deed was authorized and was executed by the Board members.

COOPER, LILA T.

DEPUTY SHERIFF'S BOND APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, deputy sheriff's bond of LILA T. COOPER was approved.

WARRANT LISTS AND REQUISITIONS APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Jones, Warrant Lists of January 30th and February 1st, 1960 were approved and Warrant List of February 8th, 1960 was authorized. (Requisitions approved.)

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Jennings, the following bills were approved for payment:

Physicians Medical Lab.	100.00
Shelton Insurance Agency	4083.03
Madelon Snyder	13.30
Committee of 100	206.28
John Benson	9.00
Joe Spivey	57.76

Correspondence was read from

- 1) Ed Beck  
Expressing appreciation of services of County Fire Fighting group
- 2) West Bradenton Community Association  
Objection to parking of commercial vehicles and trucks in residential areas.
- 3) Whitfield Estates-Ballentine Manor Estates Association  
Request that necessary steps be taken to prevent crossings of medial strip, south of Bowlee's Creek on U. S. 41, by autos and trucks.

This was referred to the County Engineer to work out the problem with the STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

- 4) State Road Department  
Notice of Secondary Budget Hearings to be held in Bartow, Florida, March 7 & 8, 1960. (Manatee County, 3-4 p.m., March 7)
- 5) State Road Department (Bryan Henry, Assistant Attorney)  
Memorandum to Right of Way Agents (practice of filing condemnation suit prior to appraisal and negotiation no longer to be followed)

PETITION TO OPEN ROAD FROM MANDOZA ROAD TO EXPERIMENTAL FARM ROAD

Petition was acknowledged by the Board for opening connecting road from MANDOZA ROAD north to the Experimental Farm Road, east of Canal Road, (DISTRICT NO. 1)

COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZED TO COMPLY WITH PETITION

Mr. Jones explained that he felt the request for opening the road was justified and would entail no great expense for the grading, etc., and moved that ~~that~~ the County Engineer be authorized to proceed with the improvements. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jennings and carried.

PROTEST AGAINST "GO KART RACE TRACK"  
TANGELO PARK HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Protest against issuing of a permit to build a "Go Kart Race Track" north of Cortez Road on U.S. 41 was received from TANGELO PARK HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

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Chas. Hess advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission had refused to give permission for the "Race Track" until the applicants could prove there would not be objectional noise or would create hazards to traffic and patrons, etc.

PETITION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS                      PITCAIRN ROAD

Petition was acknowledged from residents of Pitcairn Road (and vicinity) requesting relief from the present condition of

PITCAIRN ROAD from U.S. 301 east to Tangerine Avenue;  
from Peacock Drive west to Fifth Street East  
(Paving of Pitcairn Road from U.S. 301 running west)  
District No. 4.

APPLICATION OF TERESA MITCHELL FOR PALMIST'S LICENSE  
REPORT FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DENIED

Report of the Sheriff's Department, by Deputy J. Z. Stanley, on investigation of Teresa Mitchell, whose application for Palmist's license approval had been submitted by Robert Schultz, attorney, was read to the Board. After reviewing the report and affidavits accompanying the petition, and upon being advised by the County Attorney as to its jurisdiction in this matter, the Board found that the affidavits were not made by persons who were personally acquainted with the applicant as required by Florida law. Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bustle, PETITION OF TERESA MITCHELL was denied.

STEWART, ALBERT J. and TRESSIE

DEED ACCEPTED

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Jennings, Fee Simple Deed was accepted from

ALBERT J. and TRESSIE STEWART                      (20-35-18)

BOWLEE'S CREEK AREA  
ZONING VIOLATIONS

RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONED BY STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT: U.S. 41

Paul Cannon, Building Director, was questioned about reported violations of the sign ordinance in the Bowlee's Creek area. Mr. Cannon explained that the signs appeared to be in a portion of former right of way of U.S. 41, abandoned by the State Road Department when the new road was built; that Thomas Icard, attorney in Sarasota, contended that the property reverted to the property owners when abandoned and if this was so then there was no violation. However, if this was still a county right of way there were several violations involving two signs, the office of the fishing camp and a part of a filling station.

John Benson, County Engineer, advised that the State Road right of way maps of this location clearly indicated that part of the old highway was officially vacated up to a particular line but the remaining portion lying within the boundary of an existing subdivision had been, and was still being, maintained by the county. He further stated that the official closing of this portion of the right of way would block off some of the property owners.

The county attorney rendered opinion that in view of the fact that the right of way was maintained by the county and was part of a subdivision it would be necessary to close or vacate it through legal procedure.

VIOLATIONS TO BE RED TAGGED IF NO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP SUBMITTED

The Board requested the County Attorney to notify Mr. Icard that if some proof of ownership of the right of way in question was not furnished the violations would be red tagged.

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## WHITFIELD ESTATES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULED

E. G. Eggers presented a map showing the streets of Whitfield Estates desired to be accepted by the county for maintenance. He was advised that the streets in this subdivision had been maintained by the county for a number of years and formal acceptance was not necessary. The County Engineer assured him that the work scheduled to be done on the streets would be underway within the next three or four weeks.

## REQUESTS FOR INSTALLATION OF TILE APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, requests for installation of tile were approved for

Gerald Blanton 75th Street	\$15.00
Bessie G. Compton 37th Street	23.00

## WIDTH OF DRIVEWAYS TO BE STANDARDIZED

After discussion of standardizing the width of driveways the Board directed the County Engineer to confer with Mr. Hess, director of Planning and Zoning, on a plan whereby the requirements for driveways would be based on the zoning of the area and the proposed plan and recommendations to be submitted to the Board for consideration and approval.

TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY  
CHECK TO COVER LOSS OF ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR ACCEPTED

Check in the amount of \$3,000.00, to cover loss of 1954 Dodge Truck and tar distributor (damage by fire 1/20/60) was accepted from the Travelers Insurance Company.  
(Vehicle 6-13 650 gal. Tar Distributor, value \$3,000.00)

## PURCHASE OF CHASSIS AUTHORIZED

Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board authorized purchase of a 1954 Dodge Truck chassis from The Travelers Insurance Company, price \$100.00.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS ON NEW CHASSIS ADVERTISED

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, Invitation for Bids for one or more New Truck Chassis was authorized advertised.

COUNTY OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND MEETING OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, County Engineer John Benson, Jr., Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox and members of the Board were authorized to attend the Mid-Winter Business Meeting of the National Association of County Officials to be held in San Diego, California (El Cortez Hotel), February 14-16, 1960, at county expense.

## GARLOCK, ELDON AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND SHORT COURSE

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bustle, Eldon Garlock, of the Building Department, was authorized to attend a short course to be held in Gainesville, Florida, February 21-24, 1960.

## DEED ACCEPTED FROM DESOTO LAKES WATER COMPANY

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, Fee Simple Deed was accepted from DE SOTO LAKES WATER COMPANY for a fifty foot right of way in 34-35-18.

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ALLEN, FREDERICK

AUTHORIZED ATTEND CONFERENCE IN JACKSONVILLE

Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Jennings, Dr. Frederick Allen, Director of the Health Department, was authorized to attend a conference of the State Board of Health in Jacksonville, Florida, February 8-9-10, 1960.

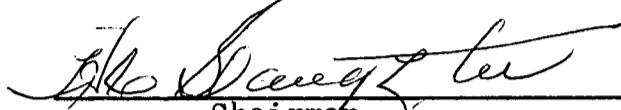
There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, February 8th, 1960 at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk

  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED

  
Chairman