

December 5, 1960

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, December 5th, 1960 at 9:30 a.m.

Present were Commissioners H. C. Slaughter, Irwin Klemmer, Elmer Bustle and Tom W. Jennings, Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox and County Attorney George H. Harrison.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Slaughter.

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

COURT ROOM FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Walter Talley appeared before the Board, stating his interest was as president of the Bar Association of Manatee County, attorney and private citizen, in an effort to get something done about the improvements in the court room = first, particularly acoustics and, second, space for another judge, that there would be need for another court room if at all possible. He stressed the need for immediate improvements relating to the acoustics, mentioning two possible solutions (1) lowering the ceiling and applying acoustical tile or (2) putting in steel beams and utilizing the upper portion of the court room for additional office space.

He then introduced Raymond Dalrymple, who represented the Jury Panel.

Chairman Slaughter read a letter from Louis J. Barolo, who enclosed a check for \$26.00, which represented the amount of money received for jury duty, requesting to add "this small contribution to The Fund for Renovation or Relocation or Resurrection of the County Court Room". He described the condition as "deplorable" and urged that consideration be given toward improvements.

Mr. Dalrymple explained the extreme difficulty by members of the jury in trying to hear statements and testimony.

Chairman Slaughter advised that there are provisions for two court rooms in the architects' plans for re-working the court house. In an effort to provide needs of court house facilities and incorporating them into the plans it appeared the cost of the re-modeling was skyrocketing and, since it was necessary to sell bonds for financing the project and inasmuch as a property re-appraisal program was coming up, it would be better to sell the bonds on a broadened tax base rather than at the present time. However, in view of the facts discussed here this morning the Board would take immediate steps to try to remedy the situation and an acoustical engineer would be consulted for recommendations and a contractor's estimate would be obtained as soon as possible.

Bowers, who had served on the jury, also, added comments about the condition of court room acoustics and noted that the lowering of the ceiling and application of acoustical tile should not be expensive.

TRAILER ESTATES COMPLAINT RE FILLING OF CANAL = FLORIDA BOULEVARD

J. C. Davidson, Frank W. Knox and Harry C. Thornton, as a committee representing waterfront residents of Marina Drive, Trailer Estates, came before the Board to discuss the possibility of the county doing something about the heavy erosion at the abutments of the Florida Boulevard bridge. Mr. Davidson explained that the fill at each end of the bridge is washed into the canal during heavy rains because the bridge abutments are not protected. He referred to a letter to the Board (November 28, 1960), which described the condition in detail.

The County Engineer stated this situation was similar with that of Ware's Creek, and was a problem in a number of areas all over the county, that the only thing to be done is to dredge the canal and remove the material, but that the problem would re-occur until the canal and tributarial drains are improved, which would be a long range proposition.

The matter was referred to Mr. Klemmer and John Benson, County Engineer, for investigation and cost estimate for the dredging and abutments. (Report back to Board)

**BAROLO, LOUIS J.
PERSONAL CHECK RE COURT ROOM IMPROVEMENTS RETURNED**

Chairman Slaughter stated that the check from Louis J. Barola, contributed toward the cost of court room improvements, would be returned with a letter of appreciation.

Z O N I N G

The Board discussed proposed

Amendment to Manatee County Zoning Ordinances
Articles 5, 27 & 28 by re-writing same

which had been recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission and continued by this Board.

This matter was referred back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to incorporate certain recommendations in the Amendments and re-submit for the Board's consideration in three weeks, December 27th, 1960.

**T & T ASPHALT COMPANY
BID ON PLANT MIX ACCEPTED**

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, low bid on

BID NO. 2 - PLANT MIX MATERIAL
T & T Asphalt Company

SEE BID TABULATION

was accepted

WARRANT LIST & REQUISITIONS APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, Warrant List of December 5th, 1960 and requisitions were approved and Warrant List of December 12th, 1960 was authorized.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the following bills were approved for payment:

Judge William C. Brooker 57.50
Charles Hess 91.58

BONDS APPROVED

HENDRY, T. A. CONSTABLE
LANGFORD, FRED TRUSTEE
ROBINSON, HARVEY J. CONTRACTOR

LANGFORD, FRED

MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MANATEE VETERANS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, FRED LANGFORD was re-appointed as member of the Board of Trustees, Manatee Veterans Memorial Hospital, and continuation of his bond was approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the following bonds were approved:

T. A. HENDRY, Constable, District No. 11
HARVEY J. ROBINSON, Building Contractor

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INVITATION FOR BIDS ADVERTISED
INSURANCE ON COUNTY BUILDINGS

Upon motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, Invitation for Bids on Insurance on County Buildings and Contents (1/5 of policy expiring January 1, 1961) was advertised. The Board concurred in the recommendation offered by Mr. Bustle that the type of insurance now carried by the School Board, providing for \$1,000.00 deductible clause, be considered. (Public and Institutional Properties Plan)

MEDOR, LAVERNE & LUCILLE
DEED ACCEPTED FOR RIGHT OF WAY IN BEIGNOR MANOR BEIGNNEER MANOR

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, deed for right-of-way in Beignor Manor (continuation of 57th Street W.) was accepted from

MEDOR, LAVERNE & LUCILLE (Submitted by Robert Sharp)

Certification of the description of the street was submitted by the County Highway Department.

Correspondence was read from

- 1) Manatee River Soil Conservation District
(copy of letter to the Sarasota Soil Conservation District with reference to joining in request ing the U.S. Soil Conservation Service to conduct an examination re Myakka Watershed Protection & copy of resolution by Sarasota County)

Action on this matter was deferred until more information was obtained and I. H. Stewart, Soil Conservationist, was invited to meet with the Board for discussion.

- 2) State Association of County Commissioners
Re: Special assessment for formulation of the County Code. (\$108.00 Manatee County portion)

COUNTY CODE, FORMULATION
MANATEE COUNTY COST-EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZED

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, expenditure of \$108.00 was authorized for this purpose ~~was authorized~~, subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

- 3) Board of Public Instruction
Letter of appreciation for services rendered Manatee Junior College.
- 4) John B. Benson, Jr., County Engineer
Recommending extension of time for completion of Manatee County Office Building & letter from S. L. Chennault & Son, Contractor.

CHENNAULT & SON, S. L.
GRANTED EXTENSION RE COMPLETION OF MANATEE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, extension of fifteen (15) days time in which to complete the Manatee County Office Building was granted S. L. Chennault & Son, contractor.

- 5) Manatee County Highway Department Re: Clearview Manor
Unit #3

CLEARVIEW MANOR, UNIT 3

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the street in CLEARVIEW MANOR, UNIT NO. 3 was accepted for county maintenance and the bond thereon was authorized released.

- 6) George Harrison
Resignation as County Attorney, effective December 31, 1960; offering services in advisory capacity after that time and until successor is selected.

