

January 11, 1961

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, January 11th, 1961 at 4:00 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Bibey, Slaughter, Klemmer and Crist, Deputy Clerk, Bruce M. Cox and County Attorney, James Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crist.

AUDITORIUM IN NEW COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING PROPOSED FOR MEETING ROOM
COST STUDY OF UTILIZING SPACE IN PRESENT OFFICE AUTHORIZED

Chairman Crist explained that the proposal to use the auditorium in the new Manatee County Office Building (Planning and Zoning Building) for the County Commissioners' meeting room was now under study and the county attorney had been requested to determine whether or not there was anything in the statutes that would prohibit this being done. If the move is made, then the space in the present commissioners' office can be utilized for offices for the members of the Board and other administrative facilities. The cost of the necessary renovations has not yet been determined, and some cost would be involved in making the study and preparing the plans, so the matter is being brought to the attention of the Board for discussion and consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Slaughter that cost, and other related matters, in connection with renovations of the commissioners' office for the purposes discussed, be investigated. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried unanimously.

WILLIS, ROBERT E. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
OFFICE FACILITIES AUTHORIZED PROVIDED

Mr. Slaughter presented a sketch of the proposed changes in the second floor of the court house (south end) which would provide adequate office facilities and hearing and reception rooms for the recently appointed Circuit Court Judge, Robert E. Willis. He advised that this plan met with the approval of Circuit Judges Robert E. Willis and Robert Hensley and Walter Talley, president of the Bar Association. In order to avoid the least possible delay in making the office available to the Judge, he recommended, then made a motion that the Board employ a carpenter by the hour to do the necessary re-modeling. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

DICTAPHONE PURCHASE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

Motion was made by Mr. Slaughter that the Board purchase a Dictating Machine, with Transcribing Machine, to be used in the County Commissioners' office, under bid accepted and in effect until December, 1961. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

SECRETARY TO BE EMPLOYED IN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox was authorized to obtain a secretary for the County Commissioners, salary to be determined by qualifications.

PULLARA & WATSON, ELLERBE & COMPANY
PAYMENT FOR SERVICES DISCUSSED

ARCHITECTS FOR MVM HOSPITAL
POSTPONED PENDING ADVICE FROM ATTORNEY

Mr. Slaughter explained that the contract with Pullara and Watson-Ellerby and Company, architects for the Manatee Veterans Memorial Hospital, set forth schedule of payments for services; that bills rendered in the past had been paid from the General Fund with the understanding that these expenditures would be refunded from the proceeds of the bond issue after the bonds are sold. (Bonds have not been sold for several reasons, one being that the Board was awaiting commitment on federal funds under the Hill-Burton Act.)

January 11, 1961 (Cont'd)

Upon question, the Deputy Clerk advised that funds are now available to pay the current bill for \$14,789.50, and if the bonds are not sold this fiscal year the deficit possibly could be made by retrenching in other items.

This matter was postponed, pending advice of the county attorney.

CRIST, W. E.
EXPENSES AUTHORIZED PAID

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, the expenses of Chairman Crist to Tallahassee were authorized paid.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bibey, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, January 16, 1961 at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST: M. T. McInnis, Clerk


Deputy Clerk

APPROVED


Chairman