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The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, May 15, 1961 at 9:30 a.m.

Present were Commissioners Earl Bibey,
H. C. Slaughter,
Irwin Klemmer, Vice Chairman
Elmer Bustle,
W. E. Crist, Chairman
Deputy Clerk Brude M. Cox
County Attorney James Adams

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crist.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried.

BIG SLOUGH WATERSHED

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT EXECUTED ✓

✓ Mr. Lynn Harrison, one of the property owners in the southeast portion of Manatee County, and Mr. Irving H. Stewart, of the Manatee River Soil Conservation District, submitted

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING AND CARRYING
OUT WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE WATERSHED PROTECTION
AND FLOOD PREVENTION ACT (Public Law 566 - 83rd Congress)

BIG SLOUGH WATERSHED, Manatee, Sarasota, Desoto and
Charlotte Counties, approximately 117,000 acres.

Mr. Harrison advised that eighty-five percent of the landowners had signed the applications, from Highway 70 south below U.S. 41 into tidewater, and approval had been given by the Soil Conservation Districts of Manatee, Sarasota, Desoto and Charlotte Counties and request was being made that this Board approve the application for Federal Assistance in getting a survey made for the Big Slough Watershed; that the project would probably take two or three years before anything would be done but a survey would have to be made in order to determine what can be done.

He submitted Application to the Secretary of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, already signed by the Soil Conservation Districts of the four counties in which this watershed is located.

Mr. Stewart explained the relationship of the drainage problem in this area to that of the Myakka River area and that any work done by the Soil Conservation would reduce the cost involved in the watershed application.

*Mr. Bustle moved that, in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Districts of the counties of Manatee, Desoto, Charlotte and Sarasota and the Sarasota County Commission, the application be approved and the chairman and the clerk authorized to execute same in behalf of this Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried.
(Soil Conservation Districts: Manatee River, Sarasota, Peace River and Charlotte)

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADOPTED

PUBLIC HEARING ✓

✓ Public hearing was held on the adoption of a Supplemental Budget for 1960-1961 in accordance with legal advertising thereon.

*Motion corrected page 41

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Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, Supplemental Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1961, was approved and the following resolution adopted:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1961**

RECORDED ✓ B17-17

SPECIAL LEGISLATION

REPORT :ON FISHING BILL ✓

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✓ Chairman Crist stated that in conversation with Representative Knowles on Saturday that he had indicated that he saw little likelihood of the fishing bill (banning commercial fishing in the Manatee River, east of Green Bridge) being entered into Rules Committee and passing in this present session of legislation.

SALINE WATER DISTILLATION PLANT

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✓ Chairman Crist advised that the representatives from Washington on Saline Water, scheduled to arrive Tuesday, May 16, would be coming in this evening so that there would be more time to make a tour of the County (for the purpose of locating a site for a Saline Water Distillation Plant.) ✓

Note: Mr. Kenneth Hollum and Mr. Fred McGowan appointed by Secretary of the Interior to make a survey of Manatee County for the purpose mentioned above. Mr. Hollum is U.S. Secretary of Water & Power; Mr. McGowan is Director of Water Resources, Saline Water Division.

WARRANT LIST & REQUISITIONS APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bustle, Warrant List of May 15, 1961 and requisitions were approved and Warrant List of May 22, 1961 was authorized.

General Revenue	No. 2106 - 2155
Road & Bridge	840 - 842
Miscellaneous Funds	284 - 292

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

Fla. Shore & Beach Preservation Assoc.	100.00
Manatee County Youth Center	607.54
Public Relations Bureau	561.39
Goodbody & Company (fiscal agents MVM Hosp.)	4950.00
Park, Beach & Recreation Commission	452.00
Committee of 100	48.13
Sheff Chemical Company (Floor machine)	300.00
Manatee River Soil Conservation District	41.50

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WILLIS, ROBERT E.
DUPLICATE TAX CERTIFICATE

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, application for Duplicate Tax Certificate was approved for ✓

ROBERT E. WILLIS No. 212 of 1943 Sale

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MYAKKA CITY YOUTH PROGRAM
VINCENT, JAMES TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT ✓

Motion was made by Mr. Bustle that Mr. James Parker, director of the Teen Club activities at Myakka City, be given a leave of absence during the months of June and July, 1961, and Mr. James Vincent approved as replacement during that period. Motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried.

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OUTSTANDING BILLS & CONTRACTS

Chairman Crist requested permission to issue instructions that all accounts outstanding over sixty days, or contracts that have not been paid, be reported to Mr. Cox (Deputy Clerk) for study with the County Attorney because at the time the new budget is prepared the amount of obligations should be known.

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, request was granted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from

- ✓ 1) Manatee County Highway Department
Advising work satisfactory on road improvements in
CLEAR VIEW MANOR, UNIT 4

CLEAR VIEW MANOR, UNIT FOUR
STREETS ACCEPTED FOR MAINTENANCE; BOND RELEASED ✓

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Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the streets in CLEAR VIEW MANOR, UNIT FOUR, were accepted for county maintenance and the cash bond of \$3500.00 was authorized refunded.

- 2) William M. Snyder Resignation from Public Relations
Council

SNYDER, WILLIAM M.
RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNCIL ACCEPTED ✓

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Motion was made by Mr. Klemmer that the resignation of Mr. WILLIAM M. SNYDER as member of the Public Relations Council be accepted and a Certificate of Merit be sent him in appreciation of his services. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bustle and carried.

- 3) Manatee County Conservation Alliance, Inc.
Request for official information on proceedings re South End of Anna Maria. (Suggestion by county attorney to examine the public records)

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- 4) Manatee County Conservation Alliance, Inc.
 Urging consideration of control of erosion by methods recommended by Mr. (Makepeace) Wood; use of spoil from Inland Waterway. C 2
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 C 18
 W 4
- 5) U. S. Army Engineer District
 Notice of Application for Department of the Army Permit by N. K. Winston-Sanson Florida Corporation & Flamingo Cay. W 4
 Z 4
- 6) Manatee County Federation of Community Associations
 (a) Opposing construction of any new highway connecting U.S. 301 and State Road 41 south of Bowlees Creek until need proven. (Referred to Mr. Klemmer) Z 4
 S 2 "
- (b) Recommending that the Real Estate Assessment in Manatee County be placed at 100% of its true value. r o
- 7) Eastern Shopping Centers, Inc.
 Offer to convey right of way without cost to the governing bodies ; location, northernmost boundary of property along the Cortez Road directly east of the center proper. (To be acknowledged by the Chairman of the Board.) E 2
 P 2 3
- 8) Miss Mary E. Johnson, Counselor, Juvenile Court
 Request for stenographic assistant in the Juvenile Court Division. J 4
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JUVENILE COURT

REQUEST FOR STENOGRAPHIC ASSISTANT TABLED ONE WEEK ✓

After discussion this request was tabled one week for investigation.

- 9) Florida Association of County Tax Collectors
 Request for recommendation to local legislative delegation to support House Bill #1902 for increase of auto tag and title fee to fifty cents. (Note: Previously endorsed by this Board.) T 7
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- 10) Manatee County Firemen's Mutual Aid Association, Inc.
 Invitation to Board members to attend meeting Wednesday, May 17, 1961 at 8:00 p.m. T "
- 11) Civil Defense Director
 Notice of information class on "Personal Survival" and "Home Preparedness" to be held May 16.

GEESLIN, WILLIAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE OF 100
 MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THIS POST RESCINDED

Motion was made by Mr. Klemmer that the following action, taken by the Board in session May 8, be rescinded: a 4
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Page 31 "Mr. Klemmer moved that MR. WILLIAM GEESLIN be appointed Executive Director of the Committee of 100 for the balance of the present fiscal year, with salary to be worked out and announced at a later date. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried."

Motion was seconded by Mr. Bustle and carried.

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GEESLIN, WILLIAM
APPOINTED COUNTYWIDE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION

✓ Mr. Klemmer moved that MR. WILLIAM GEESLIN be appointed Countywide Development Director. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried,, after amendment, to adopt resolution setting forth the duties or activities of said director. ✓

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DUTIES OF
COUNTYWIDE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED That the County appoint a Development Director, this post to be a full-time assignment with the following initial duties:

1. To serve as Executive Director of the Committee of 100 at the pleasure of the members of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the formal request of that group as already received.
2. To direct the planning and supervise the activities of the County Public Relations Bureau, working in close cooperation with the Chairman and Executive Secretary of that group.
3. To assist members of the County Commission in any project requiring professional advertising or public relations guidance.
4. To be available to counsel and otherwise assist any appropriate organization seeking betterment and improvement of the county, subject to approval of the County Commissioners.
5. To operate and function in accordance with directive to be issued.

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✓ B17-18

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MOTION CORRECTED

RE: BIG SLOUGH WATERSHED

✓ Correction of motion relative to BIG SLOUGH WATERSHED, page 37, follows: ✓

Motion was made by Mr. Bustle that the Manatee County Commission approve the application for assistance in planning and carrying out works of improvement under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, (Public Law 566 - 83rd Congress) in cooperation with the Manatee River Soil Conservation District, Sarasota Soil Conservation District, Peace River Soil Conservation District, Charlotte Soil Conservation District and Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, and that Chairman of the Manatee County Commission be authorized to sign the application along with the Clerk. Motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter and carried.

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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RECOMMENDATION FOR AMENDMENT MADE TO LEGISLATIVE GROUP ✓

✓ Mr. John Wakefield, Director of Department of Water Resources, was present to explain provisions of amendment to the original bill creating the Southwest Florida Water Management District, into which suggestions of his Department have been incorporated; these being primarily intended to equalize the district taxes. He submitted

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a table of County Levels of Assessment (Adjustment of Tax Rate based on Railroad Assessment Board) for the eighteen counties embraced in the proposed District, and indicated on a map the possible basins that could be set up within the District.

He explained that the Basin Water Management Board would consist of one member from each county in the basin, nominated by the Board of County Commissioners and appointed by the Governor; that the District Board will consist of seven members: ✓

-- One member from each of the four big river-districts, one member from that group of basins lying north of the Withlacootchee, one member from the group between the Withlacootchee and the Hillsborough, one member from the area from the Hillsborough to the Peace River (which would take in the remainder of Hillsborough County and all of Manatee and Sarasota Counties.)

Mr. Wakefield answered questions by the members of this Board and members of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County (Commissioners Boyd, Gernhard and Warren).

Mr. Bibey made a motion to recommend to Senator Price that

-- All seven members of the District Board be members from duly elected County Commissioners and appointed by the Governor; that the five counties paying the highest assessment shall have one member from each county, the remaining members to be appointed at large; that the members must be County Commissioners, but no more than one member from any one county.

As explanation of this, he said it was felt that County Commissioners in all eighteen counties are responsible to their people for the spending of their tax money, also, under the present set-up the people paying as low as \$829.00 per year can control the spending of \$32,000. of the tax monies from Manatee County.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

LINDSAY, JR., DAVID
RE: NEW COLLEGE, INC.

COLLEGE :ON AIRPORT PROPERTY ✓

✓ Mr. David Lindsay, Jr., appeared as representative of New College, Inc., for the purpose of answering questions relative to the controversy which has developed over the proposal to locate a college on the Manatee-Sarasota Airport property. He reviewed past efforts to get a college in this area and spoke at length on the advantages of this location, selected because of the criteria set up by the College. He explained the reasons why the College should not be considered damaging or disadvantageous to the Airport and future requirements for extension of runways for jet service.

Chairman Crist advised that the Board had already made a decision on this matter; however, there was one thing pending, which was the answer from the Federal Aviation Authority, and something should be known on this on Thursday (May 18).

Mr. Lindsay questioned if the Board would have an open mind on the matter if New College, Inc., came up with another type offer, one involving more cash than the original proposal.

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It was indicated that the Commissioners would not be adverse to hearing other proposals, but no commitment was made as to how they would be considered .

The members of the Board emphacized that they definitely wanted the college in the Manatee-Sarasota area, but not on the airport site.

OVERSTREET, BEN
REQUEST RE NON-CONFORMING USE REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING

✓ Mr. Ben Overstreet appeared before the Board in connection with request to build an additional dwelling on a six-acre plot, in single ownership, upon which other dwellings are existing. He was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission and advised that a special meeting would be called by this Board, if necessary, in order to expedite the request,

ALLEN, DR. FREDERICK
AUTHORIZED TO ENROLL FOR SPECIAL COURSE

✓ Chairman Crist advised that, if there were no objections, he would notify Dr. Frederick Allen, Director of the Manatee County Health Department, that permission had been granted regarding his enrollment for a four-day course on "Management of Mass Casualties" at Brook Army Medical Division, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and that the matter of expenses would be initiated later. ✓

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 22nd, 1961 at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:
M. T. McInnis, Clerk



Deputy Clerk

APPROVED 22 May 1961



Chairman