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SEPTEMBER 12, 1961

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the court house in Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, September 12, 1961 at 11:00 A. M., for the purpose of continuing discussion of the budget for 1961-1962.

Present were Commissioners Earl Bibey

H. C. Slaughter Irwin Klemmer Elmer Bustle

W. E. Crist, Chairman

Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox County Attorney Kenneth Cleary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crist.

BUDGET

SHERIFF'S BUDGET

APPROVED

The County Attorney submitted his opinion as to whether the Sheriff's budget can be changed as of September 11th, 1961, to wit: The Attorney General of the State of Florida has recently ruled that August 1st is the deadline for amending or modifying the Sheriff's budget. In addition thereto the commission has notified the sheriff and the Governor of this action approving the \$286,850.00 figure, therefore, that amount must be included in the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Bibey for the approval of the

Sheriff's Budget

\$286,850.00

Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried. Mr. Slaughter, who recommended in previous meeting that this budget be cut twenty percent (and had not voted for approval of the \$286,850.00 budget) voted "Aye" for the record, stating that he did not have previous knowledge of the deadline date, and that it could not be changed after August 1st.

COUNTYWIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
COUNTY ATTORNEY TO RENDER ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL ACT

The Deputy Clerk questioned what fund should include the Countywide Drainage program, stating that assessment for this purpose could not be made in either the General Revenue or Road and Bridge funds. Also, another question is whether or not the act providing for a countywide drainage district eliminates the existing special drainage districts.

The county engineer recommended that a countywide district levy (\$100,000.00) be considered whereby many of the inequities of the old drainage districts would be eliminated, (to include island and cities).

After discussion, the county attorney was requested to render a brief analysis of the bill providing for the countywide drainage district at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED UNTIL 4:00 P. M.

The meeting was adjourned until 4:00 p.m.

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The Board reconvened at 4:00 p. m., September 12th, 1961, with all members, the deputy clerk and county attorney present.

COX, BRUCE M. AUTHORIZED TO TAKE BUDGET TO TALLAHASSEE

Motion was made by Mr. Bustle that Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox be authorized to take the budget to Tallahassee, when completed and adopted after public hearing, for approval by the State Comptroller, if it is considered necessary because of time element involved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried.

COUNTYWIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT EXCLUSIVE OF EXISTING SPECIAL DRAINS

The county attorney outlined the provisions of the act relating to acquiring, constructing and maintaining water conservation facilities, as defined in the act. As to a Countywide Drainage District, he advised that the county was authorized to assess special ad valorem tax of a sufficient number of mills upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property subject to taxation in the county to pay for the construction, operation and maintenance of such water conservation facilities (defined) not to exceed five mills in any one year; however, this was not applicable to any special tax district heretofore or hereafter created in the county. It was his opinion that other tax districts previously created have not been superceded and still exist, and the powers granted here were in addition to those districts.

COUNTYWIDE DRAINAGE DISTRICT \$60,000.00 BUDGET PROVISION FOR CASH CARRY OVER BUDGET IN VARIOUS DRAINS COUNTY ENGINEER SUBMIT PLANS PRIOR TO EXPENDITURE

Motion was made by Mr.Bibey that \$75,000.00 be appropriated for drainage purposes throughout the county. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer. Motion was amended to have the county engineer submit a plan to the Board for the expenditure of these funds, no expenditure for this purpose to be made prior to approval of the Board.

Upon being advised that approximately \$20,000.00 still remained in the various Special Drain funds, motion was amended for the appropriation of \$60,000.00 for countywide drainage purposes. Motion carried.

(MOTION: Appropriation of \$60,000.00 approved for Countywide Drainage District; County Engineer to submit plan for Board's approval prior to expenditure for drainage purposes.)

SPECIAL DRAIN FUNDS
AMOUNT OF CASH CARRY OVER BUDGETED FOR MAINTENANCE

Motion was made by Mr. Slaughter that cash carry-over in the various Special Drain funds be budgeted for maintenance of the respective drains. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk

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Chairman

30-October 1961

APPROVED: