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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, December 11th, 1961 at 9:40 A. M.

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.

Invocation was given by Reverend Warren Ruby of the Samoset Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of November 13, 1961, were approved on motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of November 15, 1961, were approved on motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried.

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of December 4, 1961, were approved on motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

MILLER, EVA (MRS. CHARLES B.)
NEW WELFARE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Mrs. Charles B. (Eva) Miller was introduced by Chairman Crist. Her appointment as Welfare Worker for Manatee County, to succeed Miss Mary E. Johnson, retiring the first of the year, was confirmed as being effective this date.

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY RATE INCREASE
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TABLED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

Col. E. A. Levins, acting chairman of the citizens committee investigating phases of the rate structure and basis for requested increases by the General Telephone Company, submitted report of the study, based on information furnished by the company. The following action was recommended to the County Commission:

"That the Manatee County Commission take a stand recommending favorable action to the Public Utilities Commission granting financial relief to the General Telephone Company of Florida by a reasonable increase in rates consistent with their statement on allowable earnings made at the last hearings in 1958."

Motion in favor of sufficient increase to bring earnings of the company to 6½ percent on invested capital did not receive a second; thereupon, the matter was tabled until 2:00 P. M.

Z O N I N G RECOMMENDATIONS BY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Mr. William Vines, Planning Director, submitted recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission:

GERALD BRANDENBURG

Petition to move a mobile home to a new location on the same

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Lot (Lot 37, Ferrell Park) and add 180 square feet of living area for a Florida room was APPROVED by the P & Z Commission and so recommended to the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission was accepted and the petition so approved.

SE-21 GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Special Exception for site for construction of a central telephone equipment office at 26th Street W. and Little Pittsburgh Road (Section 15, Twp., 35 South, R 17 E.) APPROVED by P & Z Commission and so recommended to the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission was accepted and the petition so approved.

REZONE FROM R-2 AND R-1AA TO PR (PROFESSIONAL)

The P & Z Commission APPROVED rezoning to PR (PROFESSIONAL) certain property located on either side of State Road 70 (Oneco Road), and so recommended to the Board.

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Bibey, the rezoning was approved as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

CORTEZ ESTATES, 2ND ADDITION

PLAT APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bibey, Plat of CORTEZ ESTATES, 2ND ADDITION, was approved.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAIL

ARCHITECTS TO BE INTERVIEWED

Mr. Bibey reported that the committee (Mr. Bustle and Mr. Bibey) investigating the possible location of a new jail had met with the local architects on Friday, December 1st, and from that meeting it had been decided to confer with each architect, individually; these conferences to be with the entire Board and begin in the afternoon of December 19th. This would complete the investigation sufficiently for the committee to be able to make recommendation to the Board as to an architect and the location of the jail.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

COMMITTEE APPOINTED AS LIAISON WITH SCHOOL BOARD RE SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Chairman Crist advised he had been informed that the School Board had appointed a committee of two, namely, Mr. Council and Mr. Kessler, to be liaison with the Board of County Commissioners, and he would like to appoint a committee from this Board to work on problems relating to the schools; therefore, unless there were objections, Mr. Bibey and Mr. Slaughter would be appointed on that committee. There were no objections and the committee was so appointed to stand as a permanent type committee until dissolved.

RESOLUTION RE J. P. HARLLEE, JR., (DECEASED)

Mr. Slaughter moved for the adoption of a resolution recognizing the civic accomplishments and contributions of J. P. Harllee, Jr., and expressing regret at his death on December 5, 1961, said resolution to be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bibey and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION RECORDED B17-58

STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT
 URGED PREPARE DEEDS 14TH STREET (STATE ROAD 45) RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Bustle stated he had been approached by businessmen on 14th Street (State Road 45) regarding acquisition of right-of-way on that project and had expressed concern that possible expansions of businesses along the route might make such acquisition more complicated and expensive if there was further delay in submitting deeds to property owners now willing to donate the right-of-way. They were not asking that this project priority be placed above other projects in progress on First Street and north of the river, but they wanted to be furnished deeds on the right-of-way so they can secure it while it is yet available so the project would be ready when the State Road Department is ready to let the contract.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of the Harrison Gas Company, was present in the interest of a group of business establishments on 14th Street to urge that this project not be allowed to lie dormant, and stated that many property owners were willing to donate the right-of-way.

The County Engineer stated that the State Road Department had refused the Board's request to be furnished with engineering data and deeds for this project, claiming that because of pressure of high priority projects they did not have sufficient personnel to do this work and suggested that it be done on a local level by the Manatee County Engineering Department. He outlined the problems which made such procedure almost impossible without information from the State Road Department and because of the necessity of procuring rights-of-way on other State Roads as well as county projects to be completed.

The need for getting this project underway was emphasized and the Chairman was authorized to proceed with the effort to get the State Road Department to write the deeds without further delay or at least to make a statement when this could be done, or if it would be done at all.

JONES, MELVIN A.
 REFUND OF 1960 REAL ESTATE TAXES AUTHORIZED

Hiram Strickland, Tax Assessor, submitted statement of Errors and Insolvencies on the 1960 Real Estate Tax Roll to the effect that the house was not completed on 1 January 1960 on property assessed to

MELVIN A. JONES	Assessed value	\$5300.00
Item No. 60-46269	Should be	400.00
and taxes should have been paid on the lot only.		
Amount of tax paid	\$278.90	
Amount of tax, corrected	19.88	
Difference	<u>\$259.02</u>	

The County Attorney advised that this was an error and the property owner was entitled to a rebate of \$259.02.

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, refund of \$259.02 was authorized made to Melvin A. Jones, and approval of this E & I be forwarded to the State Comptroller.

(Note: Mr. Jones purchased the lot in December, tax bill sent to the former owner and he did not receive notice of taxes due until the premises had been sold at a tax sale, said premises purchased by his mortgage company.)

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BIDS ON CALCULATORS
REFERRED TO TAX COLLECTOR AND TAX ASSESSOR

Only one bid on two new Rotary Multiplication Calculators, for the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, was received:

FRIDEN, INC. Friden Calculator Model SBT-10
 \$950.00 each \$1900.00 total

Upon motion by Mr. Bibey, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the bid was referred to the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor for recommendation.

BIDS ON REPRODUCING MANATEE COUNTY PLATS
REFERRED TO TAX ASSESSOR

Only one bid on reproducing approximately 1450 Manatee County Plats on photographic paper was received:

MICRO TECH SERVICES, INC. \$.82 each; total cost \$1189.00

Upon motion by Mr. Bibey, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the bid was referred to the Tax Assessor for recommendation.

DEEDS ACCEPTED FORT HAMER ROAD
 NASHVILLE ROAD (26TH STREET E.)

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, the following deeds were accepted:

EUGENE A. and CAROLE P. MIXON	(Nashville Road a/k/a 26th Street East)
KIRK BUILDING SUPPLY, INC.	" " "
CHAS. K. and ANNIE H. NEWTON	(Ft. Hamer Road)

BRUMBAUGH, KENNETH D. (WHELCHER ELECTRIC, INC.)
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS BOND APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr. Bibey, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, the following bond was approved:

<u>Electrical Contractors Bond</u>	KENNETH D. BRUMBAUGH and WHELCHER ELECTRIC, INC.
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WARRANT LIST AND REQUISITIONS

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, Warrant List of December 11, 1961 and Requisitions were approved and Warrant Lists of December 15 and 18, 1961 were authorized; Warrant List of December 15, 1961 to include payrolls of that date upon condition that all employees have performed their services in accordance with established time and payroll practices of the county departments.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

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

Anna Maria Youth Center	329.48
Public Relations Bureau	90.99 and
John L. Douglas Assoc	12,432.00
John P. Huth	3,104.75 (Bid on insurance)
Physicians Medical Laboratory	110.00
Park, Beach & Recr. Comm.	200.88
Mary E. Johnson	98.80
M. T. McInnis, Clerk	3,151.60 & \$18.20

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John Dubois Insurance	37.50
Committee of 100	330.73
Robert Rickey, County Judge	1,809.50
Griggs Plumbing Company	567.35

COURT HOUSE REPAIRS

CHAIRMAN TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENT HEADS RE EXPENDITURES

During discussion involving repairs and replacement of fixtures in the jail, the chairman was requested to investigate and, if appropriate, direct letters to all agencies who obligate funds for repair purposes, wherever possible except in dire emergencies, to notify the Board or the representative of the Board who supervises court house repairs, etc., who at present is Mr. Klemmer. ✓

INSURANCE ON COUNTY BUILDINGS & CONTENTS
INVITATION FOR BIDS ADVERTISED

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bustle, Invitation for Bids on insurance on county buildings and contents (one-fifth policy expiring January, 1962) was authorized advertised. ✓

STREET NUMBERS IN CORTEZ
REQUEST REFERRED TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Mr. Klemmer relayed request of residents in the Village of Cortez for no change in street numbers until the area becomes more densely populated and absolutely necessary to assign new numbers. This matter was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for study and recommendation. ✓

SPECIAL PAYROLL AUTHORIZED

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, special payroll was authorized.

COURT HOUSE HALLS FLUORESCENT LIGHTS AUTHORIZED INSTALLED

Mr. Klemmer proposed that the present lights in the halls of the Court House be replaced by fluorescent type fixtures. He advised that the cost of replacing the old fixtures would be \$198.75 and would reduce the cost of current from approximately \$84.00 per month to approximately \$17.00 per month. (Twenty-one present fixtures use 200 watt bulbs). ✓

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bibey, Mr. Klemmer was authorized to have fluorescent fixtures installed at a cost of \$198.75.

BENSON, JR., JOHN B. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ATTEND NAT'L ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ✓

Upon motion by Mr. Bibey, seconded by Mr. Bustle, John B. Benson, Jr., County Engineer was

- 1) Granted leave of absence from December 21 to December 29;
- 2) Authorized to attend meeting of Highway Research Board, National Academy of Science, in Washington D. C., January 7 - 12, 1962 (at county expense.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from

- 1) WATSON & COMPANY

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Advising that the Project Engineer commenced work at the Manatee Veterans Memorial Hospital site on Tuesday, December 5, 1961.

- 2) THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (Edward L. Cushman, Chairman, Public Service Committee) Recommending giving opportunity to qualified handicapped in employment. (Copies to County Officials.)
- 3) ELMER HAACK, president, OSBURN & CONKEY, INC. Requesting permission to beautify parkway, First Avenue N.W. between 59th Street and 63rd Street; Requesting appointment of a committee to explore ways and means of completing north side of the boulevard. (Subdivision north if his not required to pave their portion of the boulevard, having been platted prior to regulations, whereas he was required to pave by subdividing after 1955. Northside owners use paved portion.)

This matter was referred to Mr. Bustle for study and recommendation.

- 4) MADOLON L. SNYDER, CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR Request for permission attend meeting of Florida Civil Defense Association, Punta Gorda, December 15-16, 1961.

SNYDER, MADOLON L.
AUTHORIZED ATTEND FLORIDA CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING

Upon motion by Mr. Bustle, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, Mrs. Snyder was authorized to attend the meeting of the Florida Civil Defense Association to be held in Punta Gorda, December 15 & 16, 1961.

- 5) FLORIDA NUCLEAR COMMISSION Memorandum from Robert H. Dunlap, Director, that development program on Process Heat Reactors abandoned. (Ref. Saline Water Conversion Plants) (Copies to committee on Saline Water Conversion.)
- 6) ST. PETERSBURG BIBLE INSTITUTE Request for place for student team to hold Saturday afternoon street meetings. (Court House Square used several years ago.)

ST. PETERSBURG BIBLE INSTITUTE
PERMISSION GIVEN TO USE COURT HOUSE MALL

Upon motion by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Bustle, permission was granted the St. Petersburg Bible Institute to hold Saturday afternoon "street meetings" on the Court House Mall, subject to limitations as to dates of use as determined by the chairman after further correspondence.

- 7) MANATEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Work in Cortez Estates, Second Addition, satisfactory and recommended for acceptance for county maintenance.

CORTEZ ESTATES, SECOND ADDITION
STREETS ACCEPTED FOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Klemmer, seconded by Mr. Bustle, the streets in CORTEZ ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION, were accepted for county maintenance.

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the facts in this matter and advised of this Board's wishes to have this establishment declared a public nuisance; that an appointment scheduled with the district director (Sarasota) had not materialized (direct called to Ft. Myers on emergency) and when there were further developments the Board would be advised.

COX, BRUCE M.

COMMENDED RE CONTROL OF FINANCES

Motion was made by Mr. Bibey that Mr. Bruce M. Cox, Deputy Clerk, be commended for an outstanding job in controlling the county finances in such a manner that it had not been necessary to curtail normal county operations because of lack of funds. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bustle and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned until 2:00 P.M.

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The Board of County Commissioners reconvened at 2:00 P.M., Monday, December 11th, 1961, with all members present, also, the County Attorney and Deputy Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY RATE INCREASE

BOARD OFFERE NO RECOMMENDATION TO FLORIDA RAILROAD & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMM. ←

Motion was made by Mr. Bustle that the report of the citizens' committee on study of proposed rate increase by the General Telephone company be received and the members of the Committee be given a vote of thanks for their efforts in this research; that the Board make no recommendation one way or the other whether there should or should not be an increase in the rates by the General Telephone Company. Motion was seconded by Mr. Slaughter. Discussion. Voting "Aye" were Commissioners Bustle, Klemmer and Slaughter. Commissioner Bibey voted "No". Motion carried.

BOARD MEETINGS CANCELLED

Motion was made by Mr. Bibey that the Board dispense with regular meetings the last week in December, 1961 and the first week in January, 1962. (Tuesday, December 26, 1961; Tuesday, January 2, 1962). Motion was seconded by Mr. Bustle and carried.

FRIDEN, INC.

BID ACCEPTED ON CALCULATORS

The Tax Assessor and Tax Collector recommended acceptance of the bid of Friden, Inc., on Calculators. Upon motion by Mr. Bibey, seconded by Mr. Bustle, bid was accepted as follows:

FRIDEN, INC.	2 Friden Calculators,	
	Model SBT-10 @ \$950.00	\$1900.00

STATEMENT OF POLICY RE SCHOOL PROBLEMS
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The "Statement of Policy Defining and Clarifying the Respective Responsibilities of the Board of Public Instruction of Manatee County, Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida", worked out by the County Attorney, Kenneth Cleary, and the

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School Board Attorney, William Daniel, was discussed. Mr. Cleary mentioned the objections of the County Engineer to Item 4, relating to drainage.

Upon recommendation of the County Attorney, the Statement of Policy was referred to the committee (Mr. Bibey and Mr. Slaughter) appointed to work with the committee from the School Board on problems relating to schools.

Mr. Bustle observed that if the School Board would supply the County Commissioners with a copy of the survey made by the State Survey made by the State Survey Team it would be a great help in setting up budgets for roads to new schools. (Every five years or so the School Board has a survey team from the State level come in and survey the county for schools for the next five-year period and make certain recommendations where schools should be enlarged or remain the same size, whether there should be additions of schoolrooms or new schools built in certain areas to take care of projected population.)

TEN ACRES TO SCHOOL BOARD IN PALMA SOLA AREA
COMMITTEE REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE DEED

Mr. Bibey and Mr. Slaughter were requested to make a report on the property (ten acres) in the Palma Sola area which the County Commissioners had deeded to the Board of Public Instruction in 1959.

STATE ROAD 55 (FIRST STREET)

ORDER OF TAKING

The County Attorney advised that the Order of Taking on State Road 55 (First Street West) right-of-way was signed November 28, 1961 and funds deposited the following Saturday.

JUVENILE & WELFARE DEPARTMENTS TO BE SEPARATED

Mr. Slaughter was authorized to work out a solution to the request of County Judge Robert Rickey that the Juvenile Department be separated from that of the Welfare Department.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned until Monday, December 18, 1961, at 9:30 A. M.

ATTEST:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk



Deputy Clerk

APPROVED

18 December 1961



Chairman