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The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Wednesday, May 15, 1963 at 10:00 A. M.

Present were Commissioners E. A. Bibey, Chairman  
Dan P. McClure  
Irwin Klemmer  
Ralph S. Clark  
W. E. Crist, Vice Chairman  
Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox  
County Attorney Kenneth Cleary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bibey, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive the final report of the firm of Russell and Axon, consulting engineers on the Manatee County Water Conservation Project, now referred to as the "Manatee County Water Works Project."

STATE ROADS 683 & 55  
FLASHING BEACON AUTHORIZED INSTALLED

The Manatee County Highway Department had received detailed plans for pavement markings and a flashing beacon for the intersection of

State Road 683 (Section 13120) and  
State Road 55 (Section 13130 - U. S. 301)  
(One-fourth mile north of Cortez Road at  
First Street and SR 683)

from the State Road Department. Motion was made by Mr. Crist that the County Engineer be authorized to install a blinker light (flashing beacon) at the intersection at an estimated cost of less than \$1,000.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

MANATEE COUNTY WATER WORKS PROJECT  
FINAL REPORT OF ENGINEERS ACCEPTED

Chairman Bibey introduced George Russell and Frank O'steen, of the firm of Russell and Axon, who would make presentation of the final report of the Consulting Engineers on the Manatee County Water Works Project, and Jose Wick, representing Burton Smith & Associates, financial advisors on the project.

Mr. Russell thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the report and expressed appreciation for cooperation and assistance of the

County Engineer and staff  
County Commissioners  
County Health Department  
Florida State Board of Health, Division of Water Supply  
Florida Board of Conservation, Division of Geology  
Florida Board of Conservation, Division of Water  
Resources and Conservation

He stated that ~~that~~ three plans had been developed with three different programs and that the plan being presented was selected as being the most economical and financially feasible. He pointed out that a section

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of the report included a study of the possibility of furnishing water to the City of Sarasota and the cost analyzed; that this program is quite feasible without Sarasota and the proposal does not include selling any water to the County or City of Sarasota.

It was mentioned that the large lake would provide a tremendous potential for recreation and would probably be a source of revenue, but this had not been taken into consideration and analyzed as a financing point of view.

General discussion, questions and comments followed the presentation. (Edwin C. Jones, Robert Quinn, Dr. W. D. Sugg, William Geeslin, Robert Kessler and Fred Langford made favorable comments on the program.)

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS of the consulting engineers and the financial advisors are as follows:

- (1) A County-wide program can readily be developed and financed by means of a revenue bond issue.
- (2) The program will provide all of the essential elements necessary for a modern water system including dual supply.
- (3) Complete, efficient and modern water treatment plant will be provided.
- (4) Distribution facilities meeting the National Board of Fire Underwriters' requirements will be provided.
- (5) Required water rates will be comparable with those of other similar systems.

It is recommended that the officials of Manatee County proceed with necessary steps to initiate construction of the program at an early date, since the problem of water supply grows more critical with each passing month and costs of construction are rising. The following immediate steps are recommended:

1. Negotiate contractual agreement with the City of Bradenton concerning water supply facilities.
2. Authorize preparation of necessary bond ordinances and petition for validation hearing.
3. Contact requisite state and federal agencies concerning aid.
4. Authorize preparation of applications for permit to construct the dam.
5. Authorize preparation of final plans and specifications subject to validation of the revenue certificate issue.

(VIII-5 & VIII-6)

Mr. Crist moved to accept the report of RUSSELL & AXON and the recommendation by the engineers and financial advisors in proceeding with the project - not taking the minimum or intermediate programs, but going into the third program - which would provide the immediate construction of all the essential elements of the countywide water system as set forth in the engineering data.

"A third program which would provide for the immediate construction of all of the essential elements of the County-wide water system as set forth in the engineering data was considered. This program has many advantages. It will permit early initiation of service by constructing a limited number of wells which will insure a source of supply during

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construction of the reservoir. The reservoir will require a much longer construction period than will the other segments of the system. The wells will also provide relatively inexpensive insurance against extended periods of drought after completion of the reservoir and will provide the ultimate protection for both the County and the City of Bradenton against any water shortages. Under this program, the County-wide system will provide adequate treated water to all areas, including the City of Bradenton when its present plant capacity is exceeded. The program will provide water to individuals at rates comparable to those in other metropolitan areas and will permit sale of bulk water to large users at rates which, in many cases, will be less than their present cost of production. After careful consideration, the engineers and financial advisors believe this program to be the one best suited to the needs of Manatee County. The summary of costs for this program is as follows:" (Here follows Summary of Costs)  
( VIII-3)

Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried unanimously. (The Chairman voted in favor of the motion.)

MANATEE COUNTY WATER WORKS PROJECT  
CHAIRMAN TO PROCEED ACCORDING TO ENGINEERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Crist moved that the Board accept the recommendations of the Engineers as outlined in Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 (VIII-6 of the Report) and that the Chairman be authorized to proceed with the four immediate steps, together with the appropriate authorities, and then bring their conclusion back to the Board of County Commissioners for further action. This motion excludes Step 5 to "Authorize preparation of final plans and specifications subject to validation of the revenue certificate issue." Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED


Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk

APPROVED: 10 June 1963

  
Deputy Clerk

  
Chairman