

AUGUST 20, 1970

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, August 20, 1970 at 11:18 A. M., in SPECIAL SESSION.

Present were Commissioners Lawrence H. Fortson, Jr., Chairman
C. Kenneth Burton, Vice Chairman
Dan P. McClure
Kenneth D. Dierks
Robert C. Hutches
Deputy Clerk Bruce M. Cox
County Attorney Richard A. Hampton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fortson.

AMBULANCE SERVICE - LAWRENCE
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS DENIED

Morris E. Cox, Secretary-Treasurer, Lawrence Ambulance Service, Inc., submitted request for additional subsidy to the present contract, stating (letter of August 20, 1970) that they would be able to continue until September 1st provided August subsidy of \$1,750.00 was paid at this time; otherwise, they would have to start curtailing operations immediately; that financial records show a loss of approximately \$3,000.00 per month.

The County Attorney read a resolution providing for additional subsidy to Lawrence Ambulance Service, Inc., in the amount of \$3,000.00. Mr. McClure moved for the adoption of the Resolution granting additional subsidy to Lawrence Ambulance in the sum of \$3,000.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hutches. Voting "Aye" were Mr. McClure and Mr. Hutches. Voting "No" were Mr. Burton and Mr. Dierks. The Chairman voted "No", and motion was DENIED.

Motion was made by Mr. Dierks that the Resolution be adopted with amendment to said resolution provision that no further supplement be paid during the contract term. (Contract expires September 30, 1970.) Motion was seconded by Mr. Burton. Voting "Aye" were Mr. Dierks and Mr. Burton. Voting "No" were Mr. Hutches and Mr. McClure. Chairman Fortson voted "No", and motion was DENIED.

Motion was made by Mr. McClure to approve request of Lawrence Ambulance Service for \$3,000.00 immediately and that Resolution be adopted to that effect, to help offset deficit in operating expenses as shown by review of the financial statement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hutches. Voting "Aye" were Mr. McClure and Mr. Hutches. Voting "No" were Mr. Burton and Mr. Dierks. Chairman Fortson voted "No", and motion was DENIED.

AMBULANCE SERVICE - INVITATION FOR BIDS

Motion was made by Mr. McClure to authorize immediate advertising for bids to be received on furnishing ambulance service for a twelve-months period beginning October 1, 1970, ending September 30, 1971, said bids to be opened September 15, 1970. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dierks and carried unanimously.

The Chairman read a letter dated August 20, 1970, submitted by Morris Cox, stating that action in curtailing operation of ambulance service immediately was mandatory because of the Board's failure to recognize their financial position.

The County Attorney outlined the terms of the current contract with Lawrence Ambulance Service, Inc.

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BUDGET - COUNTY JUDGE
NOTICE OF HEARING RE: BUDGET APPEAL

The Chairman referred to Notice of Appeal from Decision of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County in reducing 1970-71 Budget of the County Judge (Claflin Garst, Jr.), and hearing scheduled before the State Board of Administration, Division of Board of Appeals of County Budgets, 9:00 A.M., August 24, 1970, for the purpose of taking testimony of the parties involved and their witnesses and receiving other evidence. He stated he would discuss this matter with the county attorneys and advise the Board members as to recommended course of action.

MEETING ADJOURNED

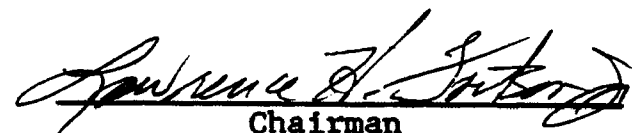
There being no further business, and upon motion, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk

APPROVED: 27 October 1970


Deputy Clerk


Chairman