

SEPTEMBER 24, 1970

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, September 24th, 1970 at 9:07 A. M.

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, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1970 and ending on September 30, 1971.

BUDGET 1970-1971

The Chairman declared Public Hearing opened to hear requests and complaints concerning said proposed budget.

COUNTYWIDE LIBRARY

George Vangness, chairman of the Manatee County Library Board, outlined the problems concerning increase in cost of books and supplies and the lack of qualified personnel, commenting that voluntary help fortunately had been available to some extent; however, it was impossible to meet the increased demand for library services. He noted that a budget for at least \$150,000 was needed; that due to lack of funds the libraries could not be kept open more than two nights in Bradenton and one night in South County, per week, to accommodate the great number of individuals, students and adult/students.

Mrs. Catherine Ramsey, County Librarian, was present, also, to discuss budgetary problems of the Library, and noted that the "Friends of the Library" absolved twenty-five percent of the cost of operation of the library on Anna Maria Island.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld requested reinstatement of \$20,000 of the \$22,000 which had been tentatively cut from his budget request during work session. In connection with his request for two new deputies he called attention to petitions that had been submitted requesting increased police protection and urging the commissioners to approve the Sheriff's budget as presented.

Among those present urging approval of the Sheriff's budget were:

Chester Cook

Janet May

RECESS

After a short recess, the meeting was reconvened.

Upon question, Mr. G. E. Rautenberg was advised that there were no funds in the budget for capital improvements at the Sarasota - Bradenton Airport.

The Commissioners discussed and approved adjustments of various items in the Planning and Zoning Departments and the Juvenile Court.

The Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

LIBRARY

Motion was made by Mr. Dierks that \$10,000 be added to the Library Budget as a contingency item. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hutches and carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Hutches that the budget for the Sheriff's Department be increased by \$20,000.00 (Equipment \$4,000.00, Deputies \$16,000.00). Motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and carried unanimously.

BUDGET 1970-1971: ADOPTED

Motion was made by Mr. McClure that the 1970-1971 Budget be adopted as presented and amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burton and unanimously carried.

BUDGET RECORDED 022-65

STATE ROAD 70

Motion was made by Mr. Hutches that the County Attorney draft the appropriate resolution accepting the recommendations of the County Engineer, the State Department of Transportation and representatives of the Soil Conservation Department providing for change in design of the bridge on State Road 70 (from double to triple box). Motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and unanimously carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

M. T. McInnis, Clerk


Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: 8 December 1970


Chairman