

NOVEMBER 22, 1976

SPECIAL

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Monday, November 22, 1976 at 9:10 A. M.

Present were Commissioners Dan P. McClure, Vice Chairman
 Kenneth D. Dierks
 Louis E. Driggers
 Lamar S. Parrish

Also present were Henry E. Bourne, Deputy Clerk
 E. N. Fay, Jr., County Attorney
Chairman L. H. Fortson, Jr., was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McClure.

LIBRARY BUILDING, CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

The County Attorney gave a resume of the circumstances in connection with the construction of a Central Library Headquarters Building in the City of Bradenton on which the City Inspection Department had issued a Stop Work Order on September 3, 1976, referring to the numerous meetings that have been conducted between representatives of the County, the architect, the engineer, the contractor, and City officials to try to determine the exact nature of deficiencies in construction and design of the Library Building alleged to exist by the City, and to try to determine corrective measures to be taken. He stated that the dispute between the City Inspection Department, the architect and the contractor had gotten to a point where nobody had been doing any construction; that today there were people present to speak on behalf of the architects and the general contractor that the work be started to make the necessary corrections, based upon information furnished by them.

Don McIntosh, of Croll, Ranon, McIntosh, Bernardo and Ramirez, issued a statement on behalf of the architects and consulting engineers, in which he referred to unsuccessful attempts to find out what the City of Bradenton officials wanted done to the building to meet their satisfaction and that the Stop Work Order issued failed to meet the requirements of the Southern Building Code because it did not state under what conditions the work could be resumed. In conclusion, he stated the only way this building can continue is to have the county, as the owner, take the responsibility and continue with construction without the assistance of the City of Bradenton. (Note: Richard Hampton, attorney, represented the architects and engineers.)

Douglas Croll outlined the report on all tests made and introduced Van Cunill, vice president of the firm of Diaz, Seckinger & Associates, Inc., structural engineers, who outlined in detail the corrective measures they believe to be imminent, which had been sent to the City for approval. That approval has not been received.

Lamar Mathews, attorney representing Roger B. Hall, contractor, made a presentation, noting as reported to the Board the architects and engineers have now submitted and the contractor has reviewed designs and changes indicated to be made which will remove any doubt that safety in this building is to be maximized; that men now working to correct any deficiencies and proceed under the plan submitted by the architects and engineers to move forward with the building; concurred and joined in request that the County, under authority given by City/Southern Building Codes, to assume responsibility for inspections on this project.

Oscar Blair, Councilman, City of Bradenton, advised that the City Attorney was looking into the question as to whether the City can relinquish its responsibility in the inspection of buildings and enforcement of the Southern Standard Building Code.

Others present and speaking on this subject were:
Jesse Moore, Planning Director for City of Bradenton,
Hugh Buerke, Chief Building Inspector for City of Bradenton,
William Evers, Member City Council of Bradenton

After the reading of a proposed Resolution concerning construction of the Central Library Headquarters Building, extensive statements were made by Mr. Moore and Mr. Buerke, with rebuttal by Mr. Mathews.

Mr. Dierks moved to adopt the RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING as read:

- Directing Croll/Ranon, McIntosh, Bernardo, and Ramirez, architects for the Central Library Headquarters Building, to take whatever action is necessary to commence construction, including corrective construction, and to obtain sworn affidavits permitted under Southern Standard Building Code as adopted by the City of Bradenton for presentation to City officials for the purpose of permitting architects or engineer to assume full responsibility for compliance with said Code;
- If City of Bradenton permits construction of the Building to continue in accordance with Section 105.6(b) of the Building Code , and certain other things accomplished, the Manatee County Planning and Development Department, through its Inspections Divisions, shall conduct inspections necessary for the purpose of proper and safe construction of the Library Building.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Driggers and carried unanimously.

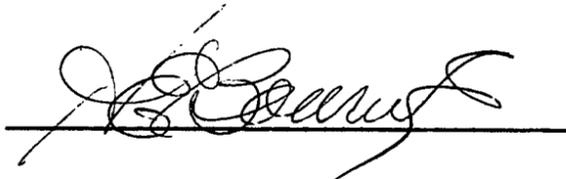
RESOLUTION RECORDED S-1-96

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Attest:

APPROVED:





Vice Chairman