

OCTOBER 13, 1977

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, October 13, 1977, at 10:15 a.m.

Present were Commissioners  
Louis E. Driggers, Chairman  
Dan P. McClure  
L. H. Fortson, Jr.  
Lamar S. Parrish  
Robert Fowinkle, III

Also present were:  
E. N. Fay, Jr., County Attorney  
John D. Sands, Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

LIBRARY - FURNITURE

Philip Place, Director of Libraries, submitted a letter from Croll/Ranon, McIntosh, Bernardo and Armirez dated October 12, 1977, setting forth recommendations on bid proposals for furnishings for the Central Library (Bid No. 77-110). Mr. Place, along with Mr. Mullon, Director of Purchasing, recommended:

(a) Award of bids to low bidders:

Educational Seating Company	\$67,601.00
Newton Seating Co.	65,904.84
Gaylord Brothers, Inc. (Various Items)	5,987.70
Library Bureau (Various Items)	18,384.00
Educational Seating Company	1,940.00
Showcard Machine Company	1,929.00
Library Microfilms & Materials Co.	9,465.00
The Furniture Source, Inc. (Various)	4,854.31
Southern Photo & News	1,497.56
Newton Seating Company	82,317.55
Educational Seating Company	5,310.00

(b) Rebid four items (Due to lack of response)

- (1) 35 mm microfilm storage cabinet
- (2) Book drops
- (3) Compactor
- (4) Millwork

(c) Acquire Reader-Printer from sole source:

3M Company (approximately \$5,000.00)

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the recommendations be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

MCUS - ANNUAL BIDS

Upon motion by Mr. Fortson, seconded by Mr. Fowinkle, the Board unanimously authorized the Purchasing Director to advertise for annual bids for plumbing, electrical, and warehouse supplies for the Manatee County Utilities System.

MCUS - EQUIPMENT

Mr. Mullon requested waiver of bid procedure to purchase one 8" pressure reducing valve and two utility bodies for trucks already received by the Utilities System in order to get them operational without delay.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the request of the Purchasing Director be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

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MCUS - FITTINGS

Due to immediate requirements of Utilities System, Mr. Mullan requested waiver of bid procedure for the acquisition of fittings: Palmetto Pump, \$1,352.22, Requisition No. 07919.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the bid policy be waived and the Purchasing Director authorized to procure the fittings. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

MCUS - EQUIPMENT

The Purchasing Director requested waiver of bid procedure for acquisition of two composite samplers and two polyethylene containers (required by Department of Environmental Regulation): Blankenship and Associates, Inc., \$1,694.00, Requisition No. 7992.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the bid policy be waived and Purchasing Director authorized to procure the equipment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

MCUS - LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the Chairman be authorized to execute three-year lease/purchase agreement with West Coast Tractor Company on the following equipment:

- 1 Ford Tractor, Model 21012K - Serial C-443759
- 1 Ford Loader, Model 19-528 - Serial CL-01776
- 1 Ford Loader Bucket, Model 19-252 - Serial N.S.
- 1 Bush Hog Cutter, Model 305R - Serial 11-00115
- 1 Danuser 8" Blade, Model CB - Serial 12677

Eighty percent of rental to be applied toward purchase price of \$9,136.00.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously

**AGREEMENT RECORDED**

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SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - INVENTORY

Mr. Mullan asked that the safe declared surplus by the Property Appraiser be transferred to Motor Vehicle Inspection Station 15002 as requested by Ancel Carder.

Mr. Fortson moved that the transfer of the safe be authorized. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

MCUS - PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to authorize the cost-of-living increase to the Manatee County Utilities System Employees (effective pay period ending 10/19/77). Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

5TH & 6TH GASOLINE TAX

Bob Moon, Right-of-Way Agent, reported that arrangements had been made by Senator Thomas Gallen for Senate Staff Analyst, Chris Howe, to call and answer questions in regard to the 5th & 6th Gasoline Tax. He received Mr. Howe's permission to tape the conversation so the facts would be readily available to anyone who wished to hear them.

COUNTY PROPERTY - 53RD AVENUE

Thomas Howze made a presentation in support of his proposal to exchange a parcel of land with the County located on 53rd Avenue (Oneco Road). The County-owned land is slated for construction of two lakes and is adjacent to land being developed by Mr. Howze. Mr. Howze proposed to dig one large lake positioned somewhat differently than the two planned by the County and would entail an exchange of two acres of ground. He would dig the lake in exchange for the fill and give the County a larger portion of land in the "swap."

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Mr. Ugarte, County Engineer, recommended that the proposal be accepted, stating it would be more accessible and better for drainage purposes. Mr. Moon had no objection as the County would be getting a larger portion of land and the lake would be dug at no cost.

Mr. McClure recommended that the Highway Engineer ascertain that all requirements of Department of Transportation and the County are met, and the Right of Way Agent supply the legal description, appraisal and terms and conditions of the agreement and bring it back before the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to authorize the publication of notice of intent to exchange County property. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

COUNTY PROPERTY - WATERBURY TRACT

Mr. Moon presented a request from Richard M. White of DeSoto Realty to lease County Property (Waterbury Tract - 10 acres off State Road 675) for the purpose of growing tomatoes. Mr. McClure stated that the customary practice was to negotiate a two-year lease -- the first year free for clearing the land and the second year at \$50 per acre, payable in advance, and with stipulations that the land be left in certain condition.

Motion was made by Mr. McClure that the Right-of-Way Agent present the conditions and terms of the lease to the interested party and bring back before the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

(Mr. McClure departed meeting.)

COUNTY PROPERTY - APPRAISAL

Upon motion by Mr. Fowinkle, seconded by Mr. Parrish, the Board unanimously authorized Mr. Moon to proceed with a new preliminary appraisal on two parcels of land: (1) County-owned 10-acre tract in Palma Sola, and (2) 10-acre tract on Old Tampa Highway.

EASEMENT ACCEPTED (GRAHAM)

Upon motion by Mr. Fortson, seconded by Mr. Fowinkle, the Board unanimously accepted Utility Easement from Dr. Graham for Manatee County Utilities System. (Dr. Angus Graham)

PARTICIPATION PROJECT #807

The County Attorney stated that the public hearing held October 11, 1977 on Participation Project #807 (60th Street West, from 44th Avenue to dead end) had not been properly advertised and must be reheard.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson that the action taken by the Board at the October 11, 1977 hearing be rescinded and the Public Hearing for objection on the Project be set for October 25, 1977. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

SALES & USE TAX/  
BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Fortson, seconded by Mr. Fowinkle, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to sign the Sales and Use Tax Report and approved the following bills for payment:

Sales & Use Tax Report (Golf Course)	\$635.64
Pearson Electric (State Atty's Ofc)	69.16

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WARRANT LIST

Upon motion by Mr. Fortson, seconded by Mr. Parrish, the Board unanimously approved the warrant list.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Chairman