

OCTOBER 20, 1977

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, October 20, 1977 at 9:06 A. M.

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

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

MANATEE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL GRANT (LEAA)

Bob Fernandez, Department of Grants Development, requested approval of a Resolution authorizing the filing of an LEAA Grant Application in the amount of \$10,399 for Consultation and Equipment Supplementing Manatee Alternative School. The local match requirement of \$1,040 would be met by the Manatee County School Board.

Present from the School Board were Mr. Lankewich, Phychologist, and Mr. Lepps, a teacher from the Alternative School, who discussed the function of the school and its relation to the school system.

Motion was made by Mr. McClure that the Resolution authorizing the filing of the LEAA Grant Application be adopted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION RECORDED S-3-26

PERSONNEL: GRANTS & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Upon assurance by the County Attorney, and as expressed in his written opinion dated October 20, 1977, that there is no violation of Section 116.111 of the Florida Statutes (regarding nepotism), motion was made by Mr. McClure that the hire of Patricia B. Carrington in the Grants and Development Department be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

RESIDENTIAL STREETS: HIGHWAY PROJECT 1142

Motion was made by Mr. McClure to authorize the Purchasing Director to advertise for bids for Project No. 1142, Residential Streets Program (funded by Economic Development Authority - \$193,000.). Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Due to prior commitment on the calendar for November 4th, the work session with the Highway Department on Capital Improvements was changed to October 31, 1977 at 9:00 a.m.

SECONDARY ROADS: FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE

Bob Moon, Right of Way Agent, summarized information from the Department of Transportation regarding the procedure for setting up the account(s) for the 5th and 6th Cent Gasoline Tax and withdrawals from the State, emphasizing that no project plan was necessary for such withdrawals. Application for these funds was referred to the Clerk's office for completion.

Regarding the 7th Cent Gasoline Tax, Mr. Moon stated it was his understanding that there was no restriction on its use except that it be used on secondary road system maintenance.

PROPERTY APPRAISER: ANNUAL REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. McClure to accept the Annual Report of Archie Powell, Manatee County Property Appraiser, for fiscal year ending September 30, 1977. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fortson and carried unanimously.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: TRANSFER BOOKMOBILE

Motion was made by Mr. McClure to authorize transfer of the Bookmobile from the Library Mobile Division to the Sheriff's Department (as requested by Sheriff Burton in his letter of October 13, 1977) for use as a mobile communications center, with instructions to the County Attorney to draw up any necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

(Enter Mr. Shore)

ELEVATED TANK INSPECTIONS (MCUS)

The Chairman read a letter from D. E. Pittman, Acting Director, Manatee County Utilities System, to Herbert Hayes, of Russell & Axon, requesting that firm take over the complete construction inspection of the one million gallon elevated tank located at 1st Street N.W., the work at existing elevated tank at Cortez Road and 59th Street W., and complete construction inspection of the elevated tank in Palmetto.

Mr. Hayes stated it was his understanding that Mr. Pittman intended to withdraw the letter and already had an inspector to perform the work. It was decided to hold the letter until this was verified by Mr. Pittman.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEMS BOND ISSUES: REFUNDING

The Chairman read a letter from James R. Hawkins of William R. Hough & Company, dated October 14, 1977, proposing that the County enter into an agreement appointing that firm as the County's investment banker in connection with feasibility study of combining proposed new capital improvements utility system bond issue with a refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding utility system debt.

Mr. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court, endorsed the proposal, stating that an analysis was needed of the accounting system and also recommending consideration be given to combining the five systems, which would be easier to operate and manage for accounting purposes.

Mr. Hawkins was present and elaborated on the benefits of such a study, stating that recommendations would be made at no cost to the County and at no obligation at the completion of the study.

During discussion Mr. McClure stated that feasibility of consolidation had been previously explored and that it should be done periodically; however, he felt the County's fiscal advisor, Russell Hawkes, had the expertise to conduct the study. Mr. Hawkes confirmed that he could perform the study.

Mr. Fortson noted that there were possible benefits from a refunding program and an in-depth analysis should be pursued, adding that several companies had expressed an interest in performing this type of study for the County, at no cost. It was his opinion that a contract would not be necessary.

It was decided to waive any action on this matter until additional inquiries could be made.

POLLUTION CONTROL: WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (MCUS)

O. E. (Bud) Randle, Jr., Pollution Control Director, submitted a report of investigation of the Manatee County Utilities Systems (wastewater treatment facilities) and requested that the Board determine the action to be taken on each of the allegations of non-compliance with permits and/or applicable rules of the Department of Environmental Regulations.

After review of the allegations it was determined that they be reviewed by Ed Mullock, attorney for the Pollution Control Board, and that his comments and recommendations be submitted to the County Attorney.

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As to Allegation No. VI (regarding locations for solid waste), Mr. Driggers recommended that Larry Rhodes, Director of Manatee Mosquito Control and Sanitary Landfills, apply for the appropriate permits for storing of solid waste on the Lena Road Sanitary Landfill if it can be determined that necessary requirements can be met.

57TH AVENUE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT NO. 812

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to approve a five-party agreement for the restoration of 57th Avenue (Highway Department Project No. 812) entered into by Manatee County Utilities System, Lanzo Construction, Inc., General Telephone Company, Kent & Derr, Inc., and Manatee County Highway Department. (From the Li'l General Store east of U.S. 41 to the Little Pittsburg Canal.) Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

RECORDED

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



Clerk



Chairman