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The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, on Tuesday, March 28, 1978.

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

Also present were
Michael Riordan, Deputy Clerk
L. Frappier, Deputy Clerk
E.N. Fay Jr, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Invocation by Reverend Rufus Hawkins, Suncoast Christian Church

POWELL JOHNSON ROAD - ACCEPTED

Upon motion by Mr McClure, seconded by Mr Fowinkle, Powell Johnson Road was unanimously accepted by right of maintenance.

GRANTS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Regis Chapman, Director, Grants Development Department, and Bob Fernandez, Assistant, submitted recommendations outlined in Mr Chapman's letter dated March 28, 1978.

- (1) Approval of three Ceta Title I On-the-Job Training Contracts:
 - (a) R-144, Brandt's T.V. to train a Television Service and Repair/Management person, 3/17/78-3/15/79, \$4,300.
 - (b) R-145 with Agricultural Research and Education Center to train an Agricultural Lab Technician II, 2/9/78 - 2/7/79, \$3,369.60
 - (c) R-146 with Marsten Leasing Corp. to train a Framer (Assembler, Mobile Homes), 3/20/78-9/8/78, \$1,500. 5-6

CONTRACTS RECORDED

- (2) Modification No. 1 to OJT Contract No. R-132 with Agricultural Research and Education Center to train an Agricultural Lab Technician II, to increase amount of the contract from \$2,932.80 to \$3,315.84
- (3) Approval of change to the CETA Title II Public Service Employment Program Occupational Summary for the Clerk
- (4) Approval of classification change in CETA Title VI Regular Public Service Employment Occupational Summary for the Utilities System: Delete 1 Groundskeeper I
Add 1 Utility Clerk I
- (5) Approval of classification change in CETA Title VI Projects Occupational Summary for Parks & Recreation Umbrella Project: Delete 1 Equipment Operator III
Add 1 Groundskeeper III
- (6) Authorization for the Chairman to execute a grant application to the Community Services Administration for a Summer Youth Recreation Program in the amount of \$3,910.00 with no local match requirement.
- (7) Approval of preapplication to U.S. Department of Labor in order for Manatee County, as a CETA Prime Sponsor, to be considered for funding for Fiscal Year 1979 for Titles I, II, III and VI programs.

Motion was made by Mr McClure that requests in Items 1 through 7, be approved as outlined by Mr Chapman. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

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- (8) Request for approval, ratification and confirmation of application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, dated March 24, 1978, for a Reimbursement Grant.

Mr McClure moved that the Grants Development Department having established to this Board of County Commissioners an economic necessity constituting an immediate danger to the public welfare of the County justifying the necessity for an emergency special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on March 24, 1978, the calling and holding of said emergency special meeting and the official action taken at said special meeting including the adoption of that certain Resolution Authorizing Application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Reimbursement Grant be, and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

BEACH RESTORATION, ANNA MARIA ISLAND

Mr Chapman reported information from a meeting in Tallahassee, on February 22, 1978, (attended also by Ernie Cagnina, Mayor of the City of Anna Maria, and John Thomas of the County Highway Department) at which a proposal for a grants program in connection with the restoration of the beaches of Anna Maria Island was submitted to the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

He said that because no feasibility study has been made on the restoration project, funding figures could only be roughly estimated at \$1,150,000 federal, \$840,000 state, with the local match probably about \$280,000. He relayed recommendations of state officials that both the U.S. and local legislators be contacted and their support solicited in order to keep the program alive.

Following discussion, and based on past experience with lack of support by the island communities, plus the lack of concrete funding data, it was the concensus of the Board to support the project in principle and decline request for funds at this time.

GRANT ACTIVITY STATUS REPORT

In order to keep the Board apprised of all grants presently in effect, those which have been submitted for approval and those currently being developed or researched, Bob Fernandez submitted a Grant Activity Status Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 1978.

ORANGE PARK SUBDIVISION - VACATION OF STREET

Public Hearing was declared open for purpose of hearing petition of Charles E. and Valerie White to vacate a portion of a street in Orange Park Subdivision.

Following a brief discussion, Public Hearing was continued one week, pending review of the site by the Commissioners and the County Engineer.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - FLORIDA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Charles Carrington, Director, Doug Widmer and Dave Forkner, of the Planning Department, submitted the legislative draft of the Coastal Zone Plan for Florida, entitled the Florida Coastal Management Program, advising that the Planning staff has reviewed the draft; that comments are due in Tallahassee no later than 31 March 1978; and that the document is to be submitted to the State Legislature this session.

Mr Carrington advised that, as a result of the review by the Planning Staff, a letter for the Chairman's Signature has been

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drafted to Jay Landers, Secretary, State Department of Environmental Regulation, which states, in essence, that this Board is maintaining a "wait-and-see" position, until it can be determined that the program is in the best interest of Manatee County. (He read the letter)

Following a lengthy discussion, the concensus of the Board was to oppose the proposed legislation instead of maintaining the neutral position as indicated in the last paragraph of the drafted letter.

Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to Secretary Landers, after the last paragraph was changed to indicate the Board's vigorous opposition to the Legislative Draft in its present form. Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

CENSUS (UPDATE) - SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

H. Jerome Davis, Supervisor of Elections, requested authorization for the Planning Department to update population figures for Manatee County and furnish his office this information in time to be utilized in connection with the 1978 Primary Election.

The Planning Director was asked to review the request and make recommendations to the Board.

BEKER PHOSPHATE CORPORATION/FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The County Attorney relayed a request from Beker Phosphate Corporation for a 60-day extension on filing of financial information required under the resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners establishing such responsibility. He explained that the present plan of Beker is to submit a general liability insurance policy covering the risk included in that act, and making Manatee County the beneficiary. (Beker is presently negotiating with its liability carriers to have the \$13 Million financial responsibility required by the Board of County Commissioners included in its insurance coverage.)

Motion was made by Mr Parrish to authorize a 60-days extension to permit Beker Phosphate Corp to secure the necessary insurance; and that no mining operation shall commence prior to receipt of such financial responsibility insurance. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

SECONDARY DAMS: CABINET HEARING

In connection with the request by Beker Phosphate Corporation for a mining operation permit, the County Attorney advised that the Florida Land and Water Judicatory Commission (Florida Cabinet) has scheduled a meeting on April 6, 1978; that the hearing officer has recommended that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the Sarasota County appeal be denied and that the request go ahead without the secondary dams. He asked if he, as legal counsel for the Board, should attend the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr McClure that the County Attorney, the Planning Director and as many of the commissioners as can, or care to, be authorized to attend the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

The Planning Director was requested to prepare testimony for presentation at the hearing.

VOTING MACHINES

At the request of the Supervisor of Elections, a work session was set for 4:00 p.m. for a demonstration of computerized voting by Mr Edwin O'Day, of Diamond International.

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

William Mullon, Purchasing Director, outlined recommendations in his letter dated March 24, 1978.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT

A.1 Cushman 3-Wheel Utility Vehicle
a. Advertise for bids

A.2 Tractors and Mowers
a. Advertise for bids

and requested that "deferred items pending review" be deferred one more week. There was no objection.

Motion was made by Mr McClure that Items A.1 and A.2 be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

Following his presentation of a savings program that could be made available to County employees via payroll deductions for purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds, Keith L. Williams, State Director of the U.S. Savings Bonds Division, was referred to the Personnel Director who will work with him in contacting the employees.

Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle to authorize voluntary payroll participation in the U.S. Savings Bond Program. Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Following a brief recess the meeting was reconvened with all Members of the Board present except Mr Fortson, who entered during the meeting.

ZONING

Recommendations of the Planning Commission were submitted by Charles Carrington, Planning Director, and Bill Swann, Assistant.

SE-1094 DANIEL P. McCLURE - BARROW PIT - APPROVED

(Cone Bros Construction Co., Agent) Request: Special Exception to permit an operating permit for excavation of borrow pit as part of I-75 construction for a two year period on 28 + acres on the south side of Manatee River, 1 mile north of SR 64 and Bow Drive, E. Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL, with stipulations set forth in the Committee Report.

The Planning Director read the Committee Report, outlining stipulations as follows:

1. Petitioner shall adhere to all applicable provisions of Section VI, para 16, Manatee County Zoning Ordinance, with the exception that the petitioner may have a 1:4 slope from ground level to water's edge of the reclaimed lakes. All banks shall be suitably stabilized and re-vegetated
2. As stated in the Petitioner's Master Plan, the banks shall have a 1:3 slope from water's edge to a minimum depth of 6 feet
3. Petitioner shall take all precautions necessary to protect nearby wetland areas.

Bruce McIntosh, representing Cone Brothers Construction Co., was present to answer any questions.

Chairman Driggers, in whose district the property is located, recommended approval.

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Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle to approve SE-1094, subject to stipulations set forth in the Committee Report (and recommendations by Planning Commission). Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

Mr McClure stated that he, as an interested party, and in order to comply the Law, will file whatever forms are necessary .

The County Attorney advised that this is Form #4 (Conflict of Voting Interest) to be filed within fifteen days with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

SE-1096 WILLIAM B. & ELEANOR W. STRATTON - DEFERRED
Request: Special Exception to permit home occupation for Real Estate office in a single family home on 0.33 acres at 905 Tropical Drive, East
Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL.

The Planning Director stated there is a letter on file, signed by five neighbors, stating no objection.

Rod Fass, 3204 Tropical Drive East, expressed opposition to the special exception.

Chairman Driggers requested SE-1096 be deferred one week so he could personally view the site before making a recommendation. There were no objections.

SE-1097 LOUIE E. BURGESS - COP - APPROVED
Request: Special Exception to permit sale of beer and wine for consumption on premises in a restaurant (Big "L" Pizza) under construction on 0.53 acre at 4219 E. U.S. 301, Ellenton
Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL.

Mr Burgess was present to answer any questions.

Mr Parrish recommended and moved for approval of SE-1097. Motion was seconded by Mr McClure and carried unanimously.

78-S-6(P) OAKWOOD ACRES - APPROVED
Request: Preliminary Plan review of 8 single family lots subdivision on 10 acres on the east side of Tuttle Avenue, ¼ mile south of Tallevast Road.
Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL with waiver of sidewalk and recreation requirements.

(Enter Mr Fortson)

Bill Swann stated that no water or sewer is available at the site at this time but the lots are large enough to allow construction of wells and septic tanks; that the waiver of sidewalks and recreational requirements was recommended due to the rural nature and large size of the lots.

Motion was made by Mr McClure to approve 78-S-6(P). Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

77-S-20(F) COUNTRY RIVER ESTATES - APPROVED
Request: Final Plat approval of 34 single family lots subdivision on 78-86 acres on Old Tampa Road & 104th Ave., E.
Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL, subject to Bond approval by County Attorney and waiver of recreation and sidewalk requirements.

Bill Swann stated that a bond in the amount of \$18,859.72 has been posted and approved by the Highway/Engineering Department to cover 110 percent of cost of completing necessary improvements; that the form of bond and the plat have been approved by the County Attorney. He said

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that recommended waiver of sidewalk and recreational requirements is due to the large size of the lots.

Motion was made by Mr Parrish to approve 77-S-20(F) as recommended by the Planning Commission. (with irrevocable letter of credit No. BOF 78-1, by Bank of Florida for Seaside Designs, Inc., in the sum of \$19,800.00) Motion was seconded by Mr McClure and carried unanimously.

78-S-8(F) BRADEN OAKS - DEFERRED

Request: Revised final plat approval of 87 single family lots on 290+ acres East of Morgan Johnson Road and North of 44th Avenue East.

Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL, subject to bond approval by County Attorney and waiver of sidewalk and recreational requirements.

The Planning Director advised that water, but not sanitary sewerage system, will be available to the site. He pointed out that the final plan shows approximately twice as many lots as shown on the preliminary plan; that, although he has no objection to this particular subdivision proceeding, he would recommend that in cases of substantial change between the preliminary and the final plan, that the subdivider be referred back through the preliminary processes.

Bill Swann stated that the Health and Utilities Departments have reviewed and have no objections to the revised plan. The bond required by Highway Engineering Department in the amount of \$166,727 has been posted and meets the approval of the County Attorney.

Chairman Driggers expressed concern about the low area in the eastern part of the property, and whether this ground would accommodate septic tanks. He requested that the Health Department make specific recommendations on this before final action is taken. There was no objection.

In response to the Planning Director's comments concerning policy regarding changes between preliminary and final plans, the members of the Board concurred with his recommendation that substantial changes should require preliminary processing.

78-S-9(P&F) TOWER SQUARE - APPROVED

Request: Preliminary and final plat approval of commercial subdivision of 5 lots at the southwest corner of Manatee Avenue, W. and 55th St west on 5.75 acres.

Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL, subject to approval of bond by County Attorney and waiver of sidewalk requirements.

Bill Swann⁶ advised that a bond (letter of credit) in the amount of \$64,397.20 has been posted and meets with the approval of the County Attorney and the Highway/Engineering Department; that waiver of the sidewalk requirement is recommended because 55th is a wide street, and there is not enough space for a sidewalk, nor is there an existing sidewalk along 55th in this area.

Motion was made by Mr McClure to approve 78-S-9(P&F), as recommended. (with irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 87-82-3 by Ellis First National Bank for Mayer Realty II to the aggregate amount of \$64,396.20) Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

75-S-15(F) WOODS OF WHITFIELD, UNIT V - APPROVED
Request: Final plat approval of 34 single family lots subdivision on 11.14 acres south of and adjacent to Woods of Whitfield Unit IV. Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL, subject to approval of bond by County Attorney.

Bill Swann explained that Woods of Whitfield Subdivision will consist of six units when completed, this being the fifth unit; that a bond in the amount of \$38,851.45 has been posted and meets the approval of the Highway/Engineering Department and the County Attorney, and that the Whitfield Zoning Board has approved the plat.

Mr Fowinkle recommended and moved that 75-S-15(F) be approved. (with Cash Bond of Suncoast Development Corp. for \$38,851.45) Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish.

The County Attorney pointed out that one of the requirements in connection with subdivisions is the Certificate of Ownership, and who the encumbrances are; that the Certificate with this plat is dated 2/21/78, showing a mortgage being an encumbrance. However, a release from the mortgage is also attached, therefore, the mortgage is not actually an encumbrance. He stated that the manner in which this mortgage release has been handled by the bank could be subject to question by title lawyers, and recommended that the Pan American Bank of Sarasota record a document saying they ... "hereby dedicate to the public all the streets and roads shown on the plats of The Woods of Whitfield....". He said the validity of the plat is not affected, merely that the title could be subject to challenge.

Mr Fowinkle amended his motion to include the County Attorney writing a letter to the Pan American Bank of Sarasota outlining the area of concern. Mr Parrish amended his second accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman clarified the action by stating that the approval of the plat was not subject to the letter.

HOUSEMOVING (JIM ALLEN)

Motion was made by Mr Parrish to approve application for

R. E. JOHNSON to move a building for
JIM ALLEN from 550 8th Street E., Palmetto
to 1012 39th Street, E. Palmetto
Pre-Moving No. 15015.

Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: TOWER SITE - PROPERTY EXCHANGE

In connection with acquisition of a site for the Emergency Medical Services communications tower, Bob Moon, Right of Way Agent, stated that negotiation to acquire use of the recreational property at Lake Manatee had failed, but that he had found an alternative site if the Board would consider a property exchange.

He said that he has contacted representatives of Ellsbury Farms, Inc, owners of a five acre tract on a state highway (the west five acres, of Tract 5, fronting on SR 675) and they have expressed a willingness to exchange this property for the 10-acre county-owned Waterbury Tract, which is landlocked.

Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle that the County Attorney be authorized to advertise public hearing on the land exchange as outlined by Mr Moon. Motion was seconded by Mr Fortson and carried unanimously.

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LIBRARY - AGREEMENT (FILM SERVICE)

The County Attorney submitted a non-financial Service Agreement wherein the State Library agrees to furnish the County Library System 16MM film at no cost to the County, and advised that he has reviewed the Agreement and found it to be in good legal form.

Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle that the County be authorized to enter into the Film Service Agreement. Motion was seconded by Mr McClure and carried unanimously.

✓ AGREEMENT RECORDED

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HOUSING AUTHORITY - COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The County Attorney submitted

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING COOPERATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE MANATEE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

and explained that apparently two separate contracts have been approved by the Board, one on June 7, 1977 and one on September 13, 1977, concerning low-rent housing developed by the local Authority with financial assistance of the Housing Urban Development (HUD); that by adoption of this Resolution, the Agreement entered into on September 13, 1977 is approved, ratified and confirmed to the same extent as if a Resolution approving same and authorizing the execution thereof had been duly adopted by this Board immediately prior to the execution of said Agreement.

Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle to adopt the Resolution. Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

✓ RESOLUTION RECORDED

S3-248

WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION LOAN

In order to correct an error in Resolution adopted 3/16/78 authorizing payment of \$1.8M Water System Construction Loan Requisition No. 4, which recited that the Vannice Construction Company was entitled to \$117,997.69 when in fact the obligation was for a sum in the amount of \$114,423.24, motion was made by Mr Fowinkle to adopt

AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT
FROM \$1,800,000 WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION
LOAN (BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE)
Payment No. 4

Motion was seconded by Mr McClure and carried unanimously.

✓ RESOLUTION RECORDED

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EASEMENTS (MCUS) - ACCEPTED

Upon motion by Mr McClure, seconded by Mr Fortson, the Board unanimously accepted utility easements from:

George C. Perreault
R. Sheldon Gentry.

WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION TRUST FUND

Upon motion made by Mr Fortson, seconded by Mr McClure, Resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing payment from

WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION TRUST FUND
Requisition No. 11.650 D-65
Russell & Axon \$9,383.77

✓ RESOLUTION RECORDED

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STATE ROAD 70 - MCUS USE PERMIT

Upon motion by Mr Parrish, seconded by Mr Fowinkle, Resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing the Chairman to execute application to the State Department of Transportation for a Use Permit for construction and maintenance of a utility line within the right of way of State Road, Section 13160.

✓RESOLUTION RECORDED

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND ISSUE
CUTLER-HAMMER, INC., PROJECT

The County Attorney advised that he has written a letter (3/17/78) to Ralph H. Delforge, Treasurer, Cutler-Hammer, Inc.,

Re: Proposed Industrial Development Revenue Bond Issue in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 by the County of Manatee, Florida, for Cutler-Hammer, Inc., Project

informing Cutler-Hammer, that, subject to the authorization of the Board of County Commissioners, he will represent the County in this matter, and perform all necessary related legal services for the County in cooperation with General Counsel and Special Bond Counsel, and outlined his fee for those services, all of which shall be paid by the corporation; and that the fee arrangement was accepted by Cutler-Hammer March 20th, and at this time he requested authorization from the Board to proceed as outlined.

Motion was made by Mr McClure that the request be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

STATE HOSPITAL (A.G. HOLLEY)

Upon motion by Mr McClure, seconded by Mr Parrish, application of James David Lidas for admission to the State Tuberculosis Hospital (A.G. Holley) was unanimously approved.

MINUTES/APPROVED

Upon motion by Mr Fowinkle, seconded by Mr Parrish, Minutes of previous meetings were unanimously approved, as follows:

REGULAR SESSION: March 7, 1978
SPECIAL SESSION: March 9, 1978

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Upon motion by Mr Parrish, seconded by Mr McClure, the following bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Wendel Kent & Co (Tournament Blvd, Req #2)	\$16,303.32
Professional Ancillary Services	50.00
Manatee Memorial Hospital (Welfare)	9,624.24
Refund: Josephine Brascomb (OB Clinic)	50.00
Bradenton Dredging & Shell Co (4 mos. rental)	1,000.00
Amerson's Nursery	1,682.00

BONDS

Upon motion by Mr Fowinkle, seconded by Mr McClure, bonds were unanimously approved and accepted or returned, as follows:

ACCEPT: JAMES BRUSSEE, Cash Bond \$1,850.00
Driveway Permits Nos. 3751 and 3752

LANG CONSTRUCTION CO., Cash Bond \$250.00
Driveway Permit No. 4039

RETURN: WINIFRED C. MCGEE, Cash Bond \$200.00
Driveway Permit No. 3794

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman acknowledged correspondence from

1. Charles C. Carrington, Planning Director, recommending approval of requests for secondary employment by Donni Young, Clerk Typist I; Judith Haley, Secretary II

PERSONNEL: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Upon motion by Fowinkle, seconded by Mr Parrish, requests by Donni Young and Judith Haley, employees of Planning and Development Department, to engage in secondary employment in off duty hours were unanimously approved.

2. Richard Aalberg, Extension Agent, requesting temporary extension of OPS Employee, Harold Dolbear, through April 14, 1978.

AGRICULTURE CENTER - OPS EMPLOYMENT

Motion was made by Mr McClure that temporary employment of Harold Dolbear be extended through April 14, 1978, as requested. Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

Chairman Driggers was authorized to ascertain and report to the Board what duties Mr Dolbear performs at the Agriculture Center.

PERSONNEL: EMS MANNING LEVEL/AMENDED

Upon motion by Mr Fortson, seconded by Mr Fowinkle, Resolution amending authorized manning levels in the Ambulance Service was unanimously adopted:

<u>AMBULANCE SERVICE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
E.M.T. I	From 11 to 15	
E.M.T. II	From 21 to 17	From 50 to 50

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RESOLUTION RECORDED

CONSOLIDATION SHEETS/AMENDED

In the absence of the Personnel Director, Chairman Driggers submitted Consolidation Sheets (previously coordinated payroll changes: salary increases, new hires, terminations, and miscellaneous/travel authority) for approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign, with deletion of the reclassification of Nathaniel Davis.

Motion was made by Mr McClure to approve the Consolidation Sheets with the deletion. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

BRADENTON, CITY OF - CONSOLIDATION (PROPOSED)

Chairman Driggers reported on highlights of his recent discussion with A.K. Leach, Mayor, City of Bradenton, concerning a proposed consolidation of the City and the County, stating that the City Council is having an informal work session on this matter on Wednesday, March 29th and urged attendance by Board members. He said a joint meeting of the City and County was discussed and the suggested time is 9:00 a.m., April 5th, at City Hall.

Mr McClure suggested that the County Attorney explore and research what legal steps would be required should such eventuality occur and be in attendance at the work session.

Chairman Driggers said he would contact Mayor Leach.

SANITARY LANDFILL (STATE ROAD 70)

Chairman Driggers reported that the Right of Way Agent had found

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cattle grazing on that portion of the old sanitary landfill (SR70) leased to Little League Inc., and he had advised the owners, who had no lease, that this would be used by the Little League and the gates might be left open.

Following discussion, and with the Board's concurrence, the Chairman stated that he would call the cattle owners and advise them that the County is not interested in leasing the land and that they should have the cattle off the land within two weeks.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

In response to correspondence received from Peter Kreis, VI Administrator, HRS, and routed to each Commissioner on March 21st, concerning a proposed Juvenile Detention Center to serve Manatee (and surrounding counties), it was the concensus of the Board that more justification of need should be shown before action is taken. The Chairman was authorized to write a letter to Mr Kreis apprising him of the Board's position and requesting more justification of need for the Center.

COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

Mr Driggers, as Chairman of the Civic Center Committee, relayed request of the Steering Committee that the Board approach the City of Bradenton and request donation of the city-owned waterfront property referred to as "the sandpile" to be used as the site for the Civic Center.

Motion was made by Mr Fortson that the request be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr McClure and carried unanimously.

FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr Driggers stated that the Committee had reviewed the feasibility study made of the waterfront property last year, and in its opinion, the study was up-to-date and there is no need for an additional study. The Committee requested that the \$30,000 appropriated toward preparation of the study be spent toward the preparation of a Master Plan.

Motion was made by Mr Fortson that this request be approved. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle for discussion.

Following a lengthy discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn and no further action to be taken until a response is received from the City Council as to its intentions in regard to the use of the property.

A discussion was then held on the report itself, as to its proper name, ownership and the legal aspects of its use in this instance.

Motion was made by Mr McClure that the County Attorney contact the owner of the report and obtain permission to use it. Motion was seconded by Mr Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

Mr Driggers advised that the report is called the Landauer Report and there is a complete file on "the sandpile" among City Records at City Hall.

GARBAGE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS

In connection with the rate revision requests by C.T. Adams Refuse Service and A.L. Wyatt Refuse Disposal under Franchise Agreements for garbage collection, Mr Fowinkle recommended that the Board take whatever steps are necessary to have the books and records of the franchise operators audited at the expense of the County and a public hearing be set on the matter.

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Motion was made by Mr Fowinkle that he be authorized to secure a CPA (certified public accountant) to review the books of the two Franchise holders (C.T. Adams and A.L. Wyatt) and report to the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr McClure and carried unanimously.

COUNTY HOSPITAL - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Upon motion by Mr McClure, seconded by Mr Parrish, James C. Moore, Sr was unanimously approved for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Manatee Memorial Hospital, as a replacement for retiring Ralph DeBoer, to be effective immediately.

U.S. CORPS OF ARMY ENGINEERS

Mr McClure announced that the Army Corps of Engineers have planned a boat trip for Thursday, March 30th, after lunch, leaving from the City Pier and traveling east up Manatee River for purpose of inspecting the channel and viewing the Siemanns Company site, with the thought in mind of the Corps of Engineers assuming maintenance of Manatee River and the channel. He said an invitation was extended to the members of the Board and the news media.

WARRANT LISTS

Motion was made by Mr Parrish to approve Warrant Lists from March 21, 1978 to March 28, 1978, and to authorize Warrant Lists to April 4, 1978, said Warrant Lists to include any payrolls during that period upon condition that all employees have performed their services in accordance with time and payroll practices of the county departments. Motion was seconded by Mr Parrish and carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

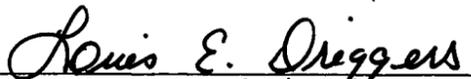
There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



Clerk



Chairman