

MAY 18, 1978

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, May 18, 1978, at 9:09 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Louis E. Driggers, Chairman  
Dan P. McClure  
L. H. Fortson, Jr.  
Lamar S. Parrish  
Robert W. Fowinkle (Entered during the meeting)

Also present were:

E. N. Fay, Jr., County Attorney  
Ralph Umana, Deputy Clerk) Representing R. B. Shore, Clerk  
L. Frappier, Deputy Clerk)

Members of the press present were: Betty Kohlman, St. Petersburg Times; Mark Todd, Sarasota Herald Tribune; Norma Gill, Bradenton Herald, and other members of the news media.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS - VOTING MACHINES

(Enter Mr.  
Fowinkle)

Jerome Davis, Supervisor of Elections, recommended the Board consider obtaining computerized voting machines and explained that the rate of growth being experienced in the County and the difficulty in obtaining parts for the current obsolete machines warrant this expenditure. The approximate cost of the new machines and trade-in value of present machines were discussed. Mr. Davis said there was not sufficient time to obtain the new machines and have them operational for the election in November.

Motion was made by Mr. Fowinkle to authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for bids for the new voting machines (after the November election) in coordination with the Supervisor of Elections and the County Attorney. Motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and carried unanimously.

MCUS - SELF INSURANCE PROGRAM (WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION)

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to contact the Board of Trustees of Manatee Memorial Hospital regarding the name of its Insurance Consultant, and County use the same firm to make a determination of the feasibility of implementing a Self-Insurance Program (Workmen's Compensation) for the Manatee County Utilities System. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Fletcher reminded the Board of upcoming appointments which must be made to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. Non-County employees representing the interests of women and other minority groups are to be considered.

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS/TRANSIT DEPT.

In considering the appointment of a Director for the Motor Vehicle Inspections Station, Mr. Parrish stated that it would be his recommendation that the responsibilities of this position be assumed by the Transit Director, Phil Davis, and the two departments be combined and called the Transportation Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Parrish to authorize the County Attorney to draft the appropriate resolution combining the two departments. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fowinkle and carried unanimously.

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TRANSIT - HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Mr. Fowinkle to approve the recommendation of the Transit Director not to run the buses on Monday, May 29th (Observed as Memorial Day Holiday). Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

MCUS - WATER & SEWER RATES (REVISED)TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS/COMMERCIAL

Upon motion by Mr. Fortson, seconded by Mr. Fowinkle, Resolution was unanimously adopted Changing or Revising Certain Rates, Fees or Charges for the County Water System and the County Sewer System, providing for the initial Water and Sewer Connection Fees for (1) Travel Trailer Parks and (2) Commercial Establishments.

RESOLUTION RECORDED 54-99

EXCHANGE OF COUNTY PROPERTY (WATERBURY TRACT)

Mr. Fay said the exchange of County property which was to be considered today will have to be postponed due to improper publication of the legal ad. The Notice of Intent to Exchange County Property (Waterbury Tract) has been revised to reflect the date of Tuesday, June 6, 1978, as the date the Board will consider the matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Fowinkle to approve the Notice of Intent to Exchange County Property for publication. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

LAWSUIT (BANKS/TRAUD)

Motion was made by Mr. Fowinkle to authorize the County Attorney to represent the County in the case of County of Manatee, Florida, vs. Carroll Banks and Daniel C. Traud involving a claim for damages to traffic signal equipment caused by automobile accident (County Attorney letter dated May 17, 1978). Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Fowinkle, seconded by Mr. Parrish, the following bill was unanimously approved for payment:

Library Bureau	\$18,384.00
(Furniture & Equipment)	

COQUINA BEACH

Motion was made by Mr. Fowinkle to approve request of the U.S. Marine Corps to land a helicopter at Coquina Beach on Saturday, May 27th. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously. (Chairman to contact Mayors of Beach Municipalities.)

DRINKING WATER ADS


There was no objection to the County Attorney looking into and recommending course of action to be taken relating to statements made in an advertisement appearing in a local paper on the County Drinking Water.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest

APPROVED

  
Clerk

  
Chairman

5/25/78