

MARCH 18, 1980

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, March 18, 1980 at 9:02 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Patricia M. Glass, Chairman
Lamar S. Parrish, Vice-Chairman
Claude E. McGavic
L. H. Fortson, Jr.
Louis E. Driggers

Also present were:

E. N. Fay, Jr., County Attorney, and Alan Prather his Associate
Richard A. Wilford, Acting County Administrator
Peter Ramsden, Finance Director, representing R. B. Shore,
Clerk of Circuit Court

Representing the various news media were Betty Kohlman, St. Petersburg Times; Norma Gill, The Bradenton Herald; Jeanne France, WTRL; Russ Roberts, Sarasota Herald-Tribune, and others who entered during the meeting.

Invocation by Reverend C. E. Winslow, First Church of the Nazarene.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glass.

FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL: BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Sergeant Dodson, Florida Highway Patrol, appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the building permit fees on the new Patrol Headquarters Building on State Road 70.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to waive the permit fees. Motion was seconded by Mr. Driggers and carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE BIKE RACK

There were no objections to the Chairman contacting John Marble, Parks and Recreation Department, to request installation of a bike rack directly outside the County Courthouse.

PROCLAMATION: POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Upon motion by Mr. Driggers, seconded by Mr. Parrish, a Proclamation was unanimously adopted proclaiming the week of March 16 - 22, 1980 as Poison Prevention Week.

RECORD PROCLAMATION S9-84

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: SOLID WASTE AND RECREATION ELEMENTS

The Chairman declared public hearing open for the purpose of considering comments from the residents of Manatee County regarding the Solid Waste and Recreation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. (Published in Bradenton Herald March 3, 10, 1980)

Charlie Hunsicker, Planning and Development, gave a presentation on the Solid Waste Element which encompasses controlling illegal dumping through implementation of mandatory collection requirement in an urban service area, a study of the feasibility of a dumpster program in the rural areas, creation of a county officer who would be responsible for monitoring the operations of the franchise operators, financing of the mandatory collection program, the need to expand disposal sites, developing transfer stations, and a program for resource recovery.

Arlene Flisik, representing Manasota 88 and Manatee River Garden Club, expressed concern about improper solid waste disposal and the activity of recycling or resource recovery. She recommended policies whereby the County would assume the lead in educating the public as to the problems of excessive waste disposal; and that the County pursue development of economic incentives in pilot projects to encourage voluntary efforts regarding resource recycling.

Avery Gould, Flamingo Cay, encouraged expansion of the disposal sites as quickly as possible.

Carole Clark, Planning and Development, gave a presentation on the Recreation Element which encompasses providing for development of park network, beautification, bikeway system, utilizing school sites for neighborhood parks, acquiring property for park facilities where school sites are not available, private sector participation, providing for future needs, providing for distribution of recreational facilities consistent with the characteristics of the population, promoting efficient and economical use of recreation space, utilizing all natural ecologically sensitive conservation areas to their greatest recreational capacity and utilizing all available resources by coordinating expenditures for capital improvements with available Grants Programs.

Mr. Driggers stated that moving the present fair grounds site is still under discussion in the long-range planning aspect of the comprehensive plan.

Arlene Flisik, representing Manasota 88 and Manatee River Garden Club, requested that wording be changed from "encourage" use of rights-of-way as linear parks and bicycle ways to "attempt to utilize"; suggested that Parks and Recreation be the lead agency in all types of bike path development instead of Highway and Engineering; expressed concern regarding the conservation areas; and commented on other miscellaneous items.

Kent Smith, Associate Minister of Palma Sola Methodist Church and Chairperson of the Manatee County Youth Council, requested the bicycle transportation system be given a high priority and that it be coordinated with the schools, local communities, and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Charles Carrington, Director, Planning and Development, explained that the Human Services Department applied for a grant to assist the County in developing a bicycle plan, that the grant was approved, and Planning and Development is in the process of developing a bicycle plan for Manatee County.

There being no one else to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

TRANSPORTATION - PERSONNEL (TUTEN)

David Minor, Attorney representing Howell Tuten, appeared before the Board to request that a hearing be held concerning the termination of Mr Tuten from the Transportation Department. He pointed out that Mr. Tuten filed a request for a hearing in May, 1978, but that the hearing was never granted.

After discussion, Mr. Fortson moved to instruct the County Attorney to investigate the request, and submit his recommendations to the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Driggers and carried unanimously.

(Depart Mr. Fay)

SAFETY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman submitted for approval recommendations of the Safety Council outlined in memorandum from Robert H. Pierro, Traffic Safety Committee Chairman, dated March 7, 1980:

1. 15th St. E. & 30th Ave. E. - Caution Light - Recommendation: Favorable

Motion was made by Mr. Driggers to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation requesting permission and funding for a caution light at 15th St. E. and 30th Ave. E. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGavic and carried unanimously.

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2. 60th Ave. Dr. W. & 60th Ave. Terrace West from 7th St. W. to 2nd St. W. - 25 M.P.H. Speed Limit - Recommendation: No
3. Manatee Palms - "No Through Truck" - Recommendation: County Commissioners to address letter to contractors instructing them to use Kay Road.
4. Independence Dr. at Mt. Vernon Subdivision - Stop Sign at 46th Ave. & Independence and Speed Limit Signs on Independence - Recommendation: No

Motion was made by Mr. Driggers to accept the additional requests of the Safety Council (as recommended). Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish.

After discussion, motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to defer action on items 2, 3 and 4 until a further study can be made on the recommendations. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGavic and carried unanimously.

RECESS/RECONVENE

After a brief recess, the Board reconvened with all members present except Mr. Fortson.

I-75 DRAINAGE (ALLEN/JOHNSON)

Ron Allen, Rt. 2, Box 340, Lena Road, and Harold Johnson requested relief from drainage problems on their properties resulting from construction of an I-75 access road which obstructs natural drainage in the area. (Mr. Allen appeared before the Board on February 12, 1980 regarding the same matter.)

Mr. Allen stated that he understands that the State Department of Transportation has been contacted regarding the drainage problems, but until the State corrects the situation, he needs some type of temporary relief now due to the approach of the rainy season.

Mr. Driggers advised that officials from the State Department of Transportation attended a meeting last week and that they fully understand the flooding condition created by constructing the access road, that they are aware of the urgency of the situation, and they will submit a new study with recommendations.

(Enter Mr. Fortson)

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT: MANATEE DISTRICT PROJECTS

Richard A. Wilford, Director, Manatee County Utilities System, submitted for consideration a request from Southwest Florida Water Management District for guidance from the Board as to whether to proceed with projects related to water supply, outlined in memorandum dated March 4, 1980 from D. R. Feaster, Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Richard McLean, Sr. Project Manager, Southwest Florida Water Management District, requested the Board reaffirm the Basin Board undertaking a hydrologic investigation in the Parrish area to determine its usefulness as a possible water supply source and request authorization to study the possibility of a recharge/recovery and well field in the vicinity of Lake Manatee.

Mr. Wilford recommended that a study of a possible recharge/recovery and well field in the vicinity of Lake Manatee be given number one priority.

After discussion, Mr. Driggers moved to designate a study of the proposed recharge/recovery and well field in the vicinity of Lake Manatee to be conducted by the Southwest Florida Water Management District as the number one project, and authorize them to make whatever applications are necessary. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fortson and carried unanimously.

BEACH EROSION (CITY OF ANNA MARIA)

There were no objections to the request of the City of Anna Maria to defer action on the Beach Erosion Project for the City of Anna Maria until the results of their public referendum on April 29, 1980 can be tabulated.

The Assistant County Administrator was instructed to contact the Department of Environmental Regulations advising them that participation in the Anna Maria Erosion Control Project will be put to a public referendum on April 29, 1980, and determine what effect this will have regarding the timing of the project.

Ken Fox, Commissioner of Anna Maria, requested an estimate of costs for the project.

Motion was made by Mr. Fortson to defer action on the project until the Board hears further from the City of Anna Maria. Motion was seconded by Mr. Driggers and carried unanimously.

MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: AUDIT MANAGEMENT LETTER
(DELOITTE, HASKINS AND SELLS)

Upon motion by Mr. McGavic, seconded by Mr. Driggers, the Manatee Memorial Hospital Audit Management Letter from Deloitte, Haskins and Sells for the year ending September 30, 1979, was unanimously accepted into the record.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Based on the recommendation of Ken Rogers, Employee Relations Director, in a memorandum dated February 28, 1980, the Chairman designated Margo Joynes as Chairman of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

HUMAN SERVICES

The requests of the Human Services Department were deferred until later in the meeting to afford Kathy Snell, Director, an opportunity to be present.

ENERGY EMERGENCY PANEL

The Assistant County Administrator submitted for approval recommendations for appointments to the Energy Emergency Panel outlined in memorandum dated March 12, 1980 from the County Administrator:

Paul Goodrich representing Bottled Gas Suppliers
Sandra Rahn representing City of Bradenton

After discussion regarding William J. Tusing who was appointed to represent the Bottled Gas Suppliers on the panel and had left the area (but is still in the Bottled Gas business), the Assistant County Administrator was instructed to contact Mr. Tusing to determine if he wishes to continue to serve on the panel.

Mr. McGavic moved to appoint Sandra Rahn to the Energy Emergency Panel representing the City of Bradenton. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

MATERIALS & SERVICES

The Acting County Administrator submitted for approval recommendations of the Materials and Services Department as outlined in memoranda from Gary M. Knuckles, Director, dated February 6, March 4 and 7, 1980:

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Bid No. 80-36 - Turf Truckster
 - a. Award to most responsible bidder, Zaun Equipment, Inc., \$3,867.00

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There were no objections to deferring action on the request to afford John Marble, Parks and Recreation Director, an opportunity to be present to provide additional information on the use of the Truckster.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

2. Bid No. 80-37 - Brake Tester

- a. Reject all bids and rebid for two brake testers

Motion was made by Mr. Driggers to reject all bids and rebid for two brake testers. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGavic and carried unanimously.

UTILITIES SYSTEM

3. Purchase Vehicles from State of Florida Contract (#070-00-80-1) Vendors

- a. One 1/2 Ton Chevrolet Pickup, two 3-Ton Ford Trucks with Dump, Seven 1/2 Ton Dodge Pickup Trucks, Two 3/4 Ton Dodge Pickup Trucks, Five 3/4 Ton Dodge Tradesman Vans, and One Ford Fairmont 4-door sedan.

Mr. Fortson moved to approve the request to purchase the vehicles based on the recommendation of the Director. Motion was seconded by Mr. Driggers and carried unanimously.

HUMAN SERVICES

Kathy Snell, Director, Human Services Department, submitted for approval recommendations outlined in her memorandum dated March 11, 1980:

1. Authorize Chairman to sign Certificate of Acceptance of Subgrant Award for LEAA project entitled "Organized Crime Intelligence," \$7,155 LEAA funds, \$397 State matching funds, and \$398 local matching funds.
2. Authorize Chairman to sign Certificate of Acceptance of Subgrant Award for LEAA project entitled "Pre-Trial Intervention," \$6,881 LEAA funds, \$349 State matching funds, and \$2,598 local matching funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Driggers to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificates. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGavic and carried unanimously.

3. Authorize Chairman to sign Modification to CETA Annual Plan Subpart G; Summer Youth Employment Program (Planning estimates based on tentative allocation of \$445,769).

Motion was made by Mr. Driggers to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGavic and carried unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION - SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES INSTRUCTOR'S AGREEMENTS

Upon motion by Mr. Parrish, seconded by Mr. McGavic, the Board unanimously approved Parks & Recreation Special Interest Classes Instructors Agreements with:

1. Katti Hinni - Spring Slimnastics Classes
2. James Alan Williams - Alan Williams Tennis Clinics

RECORD AGREEMENTS S9-85
S9-86

LEGISLATION: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Driggers to adopt a resolution calling upon the Legislature of the State of Florida to enact legislation increasing the funding for construction and maintenance of the County road system in order to meet the financial burdens created by the shortage of transportation funds. Motion was seconded by Mr. McGavic and carried unanimously.

RECORD RESOLUTION S9-87

