

MARCH 19, 1987

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in EMERGENCY SESSION in the Courthouse, Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, March 19, 1987, at 11:29 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr., Chairman  
Edward W. Chance, Vice-Chairman  
Kent G. Chetlain  
Patricia M. Glass  
James J. McGrath

Also present were:

Ronald H. Rabun, County Administrator  
David Rothfuss, Assistant County Administrator  
Tedd N. Williams, Chief Assistant County Attorney, representing  
H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney  
Kim Umana, Deputy Clerk, representing  
R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Representatives of the various news media were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fletcher.

JAIL OVERCROWDING

Sheriff Wells reported on a letter from James A. Peters, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, regarding the overcrowding of the Manatee County jail. The letter states that in order to avoid an enforcement suit to remedy the overcrowding violation, it would be helpful if Manatee County could immediately advise the Department of Corrections of the estimated completion date for the temporary facility (to be constructed at Port Manatee).

He requested the Board place this item on a future agenda and, at that time, set a completion date.

Suggestion was made that the Chairman be authorized to work with the Sheriff and make a statement to the Department of Legal Affairs that, as a matter of policy, the Board is committed to the construction of the facility and that the Board will, at the meeting of March 24, 1987, make every endeavor to provide a date of completion.

Motion and second to authorize the County Administrator to put together the letter in consultation with the Chairman and the Sheriff (authorizing the material to be brought back before the Board on Tuesday, March 24, 1987) were withdrawn.

Following discussion with regard to the Chairman responding with a telephone call to the Office of the Attorney General, motion was made by Mrs. Glass, and seconded by Mr. Chetlain, to authorize the County Administrator to prepare a response to the letter from the Department of Legal Affairs and, concomitant with that, the Chairman, County Attorney, and County Administrator work out any response and bring the item back for approval by the Board on Tuesday, March 24, 1987. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

  
Clerk

  
Chairman 4/28/87

Adj: 11:52 a.m.