

APRIL 30, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, April 30, 1996, at 5:01 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Stan Stephens, Chairman  
Patricia M. Glass, First Vice-Chairman  
Gwendolyn Y. Brown, Second Vice-Chairman  
Lari Ann Harris, Third Vice-Chairman  
John R. Gause  
Maxine M. Hooper  
Joe McClash

Also present were:

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator  
Jeffrey Steinsnyder, Assistant County Attorney  
Judy LaMee, Director of Communications and Development,  
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephens.

PROPOSED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

Karen Collins, Environmental Management Director, reviewed the background of the air quality regulations and noted a statutory requirement that local rules must be equivalent to, or more stringent than, State rules.

She discussed provisions of State regulations; limited state resources for local air quality protection; history of county in air quality protection; benefits of local air pollution code; options for the county; etc.

(Depart Mrs. Glass)

PROPOSED OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE

Ms. Collins commented on major points of the open burning program and referred to facts explaining provisions of State regulations; reasons why Manatee County needs a local open burning ordinance; benefits of local open burning ordinance; and options for the county.

(Enter Mrs. Glass)

The following individuals spoke on the proposed air pollution control code and recommended county air quality standards be administered from the local level and be increased:

Paul Sayers, Mack Hodges, Kelvin Lindbloom, Bob Powers, Marge Sagman, Joseph Beard, Janet LaChance, Victor Coveduck, Shirley Stanish, Catherine Fernald, Clarence Troxell, Jal Bharucha, Gloria Rains, Doris Schember, James Stein, Pierre Ficherouille, Amy Stein, Julia W. Googins, Fred Zerner, Harry Wright, Maryann Hubbard.

James Kremers addressed the open burning issue. He stated the density in the residential area is such that it is too dangerous.

Bob VanWagoner, Mayor of Holmes Beach, commented on issues relating to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and addressed his concerns regarding the environment and its effect upon wildlife, fish, manatees, red tide, etc.

Carl Keeler addressed air pollution standards. He reported there are sophisticated compounds being produced that should be monitored.

Sara Nicholas, Holmes Beach resident, expressed concern with the utilization of fossil fuels, etc.

(Depart Mrs. Harris)

Charlie Jones spoke on behalf of several individuals who are involved with open burning and stressed the need to continue open burning in northwest Bradenton.

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**Howard Perley, Parrish,** reported the number of deaths among people with cardiac and respiratory diseases has increased due to pollution.  
(Enter Mrs. Harris)

**Roger Thiesse,** a chemist, defined the meaning of oxides, risks involved in breathing sulfuric acid, and problems with air pollution.

**Michael Hofer, Ellenton,** stated the county should establish local rules which are the same as the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the DEP.

**Tom Reese,** representing Manasota 88, supported stronger local rules. He commented on restriction of fossil fuel; recommended steam generators not be allowed to burn fuel with greater than one percent sulfur content; and suggested air monitoring at Port Manatee be put in place.

**Jim Dye,** representing Manatee Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee, submitted/reviewed written comments and suggested it would be disadvantageous to adopt the existing state rule.

**Mary Sheppard,** representing the Manatee/Sarasota Fish and Game Association, advised they are in support of a new air rule, which includes limiting fuels to one percent or less sulfur. She stated that a certain amount of open burning is necessary in order to maintain habitat in the eastern (agricultural) portion of the county.

An unidentified woman addressed concerns regarding burning and clean air.

The Chairman advised that work sessions and separate public hearings for an air pollution code and an open burning code will be scheduled prior to any rules being enacted.

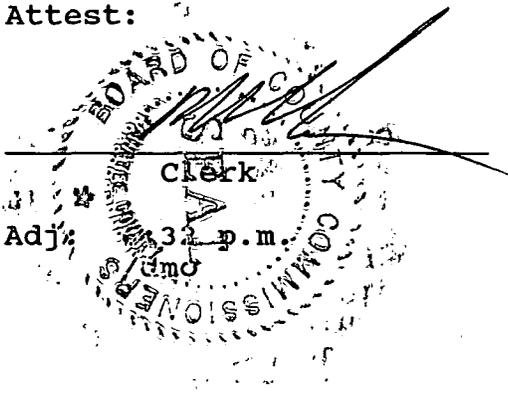
Ms. Collins advised she will bring back a draft for the proposed air pollution control code within 60 days and that a work session will be scheduled. A public hearing date will be set immediately for the open burning ordinance to be adopted.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



*Jan Stephen*  
Chairman 5-23-96