

APRIL 4, 2000

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at 9:05 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Stan Stephens, Chairman
Gwendolyn Y. Brown, First Vice-Chairman
Patricia M. Glass, Second Vice-Chairman
Jonathan Bruce, Third Vice-Chairman
George L. Harris
Joe McClash
Amy Stein

Also present were:

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator
Teddy N. Williams, Jr., County Attorney
Susan G. Romine, Board Records Supervisor,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Invocation by Rev. Ron Gaudio, First Baptist Church of Gillette

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Ms. Brown, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 4, 2000, after deletion of (1) **Embezzlement Claim** - Insurance settlement for \$100,000 for the loss caused by Dawn Marshall-Smith from the Supervisor of Elections; and (2) **Final Plat - Ten Oaks** (separate action).

Items APPROVED:

CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

BONDS

Accept:

Kingsfield, Phase III

1. Agreement with Centex Homes warranting required improvements (\$63,055.88).
2. Defect Security: \$63,055.88 (Surety Bond 6013892, Safeco Insurance Company of America).

Waterlefe Golf and River Club, Unit 1

1. Agreement with Bay Colony - Gateway, Inc. guaranteeing completion of required improvements and temporary construction easement for private improvements (\$1,813,024.97).
2. Agreement with Bay Colony - Gateway, Inc. guaranteeing completion of required improvements and temporary construction easement for private improvements (\$182,294).

Landspreading Permits - MJ Ranch

1. Letter of Credit from Appalachian Material Service, Inc.: \$50,000 (Letter of Credit 456, Bank of Dahlonega).
2. Letter of credit from Appalachian Material Service, Inc.: \$50,000 (Letter of Credit 459, Bank of Dahlonega).

Lakewood Ranch Town Center, Phase I, Subphase C

1. Agreement with SMR Communities Joint Venture warranting required improvements (\$5,894.11).
2. Defect Security: \$5,894.11 (Surety Bond 152876, Frontier Insurance Company).
3. Maintenance Affidavit with Lakewood Ranch Community Development District 3.

Release:

River Woods, Phase I

1. Agreement with Edmar Industries, Inc. and Sawair Enterprises, Inc. guaranteeing completion of required sidewalks and bike ways (\$1,390).
2. Performance Bond: \$1,390 (Certificate of Deposit and Assignment 0477014781, Republic Bank).

Summerfield Village, Subphase C, Unit 5-A

1. Agreement with SMR Communities Joint Venture warranting required improvements (\$10,552.16).
2. Defect Security: \$10,552.16 (Surety Bond 08065006, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland).

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Kingsfield, Phase III

1. Agreement with Centex Homes guaranteeing completion of required improvements (\$969,609.94).
2. Performance Bond: \$969,609.94 (Surety Bond 6013891, Safeco Insurance Company of America).

Waterlefe Golf and River Club, Unit 1

1. Agreement with Bay Colony - Gateway, Inc. guaranteeing completion of required improvements and temporary construction easement for private improvements (\$1,813,024.97).
2. Agreement with Bay Colony - Gateway, Inc. guaranteeing completion of required improvements and temporary construction easement for private improvements (\$182,294).

Lakewood Ranch Town Center, Phase I, Subphase C

1. Agreement with SMR Communities Joint Venture guaranteeing completion of required improvements (\$46,922.07).
2. Performance Bond: \$46,922.07 (Official Check 4700662434, SunTrust Bank).

WARRANT LIST

Approve: March 28, 2000 through April 3, 2000
 Authorize: April 4, 2000 through April 17, 2000

MINUTES

January 4, 2000 - Regular

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGNPartial Release Special Improvement Assessment Liens:

Projects 5152; 3100/2509; 5120; 5062; 3004/2507; 5031

ACCEPT

Lakewood Ranch Community Development District 2 - Corrected minutes of the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Lakewood Ranch Community Development District 2 held on January 6, 2000.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORPROCLAMATIONS

Adopt Proclamation designating April 9-15, 2000, as **Boys and Girls Club Week.** RECORD S47-1309
 Adopt Proclamation designating the month of April 2000 as **Fair Housing Month.** RECORD S47-1310
 Adopt Proclamation designating April 9-15, 2000, as **Crime Victims' Rights Week.** RECORD S47-1311
 Adopt Proclamation designating the month of April 2000 as **2000 Florida Great American Cleanup Month.** RECORD S47-1312
 Adopt Proclamation designating April 9-15, 2000, as **National Volunteer Week.** RECORD S47-1313

FLORIDA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Execute correspondence to Florida Heritage Festival to allow hook-up of concession trailer on the north side of the Courthouse (4/22-29/00). RECORD S47-1314

CHARLOTTE HARBOR NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Authorize Commissioner Patricia M. Glass to sign an endorsement of the **Charlotte Harbor Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan** on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT

Authorize payment of \$55,000 for full settlement of Workers' Compensation claim by **James Cates, Transportation Department.**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Authorize the County Attorney to retain the services of Hamrick, Perry, Quinlan & Smith and Greene, Donnelly & Schermer law firms to represent Manatee County in Workers' Compensation litigation.

ORDINANCE 00-26 - ELECTRICAL CODE

Set a public hearing on May 2, 2000, to consider Ordinance 00-26, Manatee County Electrical Code.

2000 CHILDREN'S SUMMIT

1. Authorize the County to work with Manatee Community Council for Children, Manatee County Health Department, and Manatee Opportunity Council to jointly sponsor the FY 2000 Children's Summit at the Civic Center on August 26, 2000.
2. Designate August 26, 2000, as "Free Ride Day" for the County-fixed route transit system in support of the Summit.

HOME RECONSTRUCTION

Execute Construction Loan Agreements in accordance with Resolution R-96-227 for the following projects:

1. David and Arthur Mae Washington, 701 30th Street East, Palmetto, \$55,000 RECORD S47-1315
2. Louise Sloan, 7603 17th Street Court East, Tallevast, \$66,500 RECORD S47-1316

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT

Execute Certificate of Participation with the Department of Community Affairs for the County to serve as coordinating unit of government in the Edward Byrne State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2000-01 (State funds, \$249,882; County match, \$83,294; total \$333,176).

SUNCOAST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. Accept resignations from the Suncoast Workforce Development Board (SWDB): Don Dixon Dr. Gene Denisar William Gibson
Dixie Grubbs William Woolston
2. Appoint members as replacements to SWDB vacant seats:
Ray Ciemniecki Dr. Dan Nolan Charles (Chip) Taylor
3. Ratify actions taken by Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on March 28, 2000:
 - a. Accept resignations of:
Dr. David Bennett Bill Couch Marty Ferris
 - b. Appoint members as replacements to SWDB vacant seats:
Dennis Esposito Wilma Hamilton Howard G. Crowell
4. Execute letter of acknowledgment to SWDB.

THIRD PARTY TESTING FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE

R-00-81 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AND MODIFYING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS TO QUALIFY AS A THIRD-PARTY TESTER AND TO APPOINT LICENSE EXAMINERS, AND ESTABLISHING FEES FOR MANATEE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT FOR PERFORMING AND ADMINISTERING THIRD PARTY TESTING FOR THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) SKILLS TESTS ON BEHALF OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES, DIVISION OF DRIVER LICENSES, AND **RESCINDING** RESOLUTION R-96-61. RECORD S47-1317

NEIGHBORLY SENIOR SERVICES

1. Execute agreement and commitment letter for trip donation, allowing County to provide transportation services in estimated amount of \$31,625 for FY 1999-00 paid by Neighborly Senior Services of Manatee. RECORD S47-1318
2. Certify the intent of the County to provide trips as a donation toward the local match requirements of Neighborly Senior Services of Manatee, cost \$3,611. RECORD S47-1319

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT

R-00-73 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT, MANATEE COUNTY, PORT MANATEE NAVIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE MANATEE COUNTY WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND; ACCEPTING A WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT GRANT FOR THE MANATEE COUNTY **PORT MANATEE NAVIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**; DESIGNATING THE COUNTY LIAISON FOR THE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS
(Chairman to execute a letter to WCIND requesting assignment of Manatee County WCIND CIP funds to the Manatee County Port Manatee Navigation Development Project, \$25,000). RECORD S47-1320
S47-1321
S47-1322

ANNA MARIA ISLAND BEACH RENOURISHMENT

Execute Joint Coastal Permit to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and approval to pay all necessary fees associated with the Federal Dredge and Fill Permit for renourishing 5.3 miles of beach on Anna Maria Island. RECORD S47-1323

30TH AVENUE WEST

Execute Change Order 1 to Work Assignment 2, Appraisal Services for 30th Avenue West with Dan K. Richardson dba R&W Enterprises, Inc. for an increase of \$500 and adjusted contract of \$48,200. RECORD S47-1324

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U.S. 301 BOULEVARD

Execute Change Order 4 to IFB 98-4642DC, with Shirley Land Development, Inc. for seven additional contract days for a revised completion date of November 6, 1999. RECORD S47-1325

BUDGET AMENDMENT**PUBLIC SAFETY** (B-00-022)

Transfer of Funds; Unanticipated Revenue Appropriations; supporting description and detail attached. RECORD S47-1326

SURPLUS PROPERTY

1. Classify **excess vehicles** as surplus property per *Florida Statute 274.05* to enable appropriate and authorized disposition in accordance with *Purchasing Code 99.37, Section 1.106*; and authorize disposal of property. RECORD S47-1327
2. **R-00-82** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 125.38, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.
(1986 International Flatbed dump truck to **Manatee County Sheriff Department.**) RECORD S47-1328
3. **R-00-83** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 125.38, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.
(1987 GMC Flusher truck to **Manatee County Sheriff Department.**) RECORD S47-1329
4. **R-00-84** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 125.38, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.
(1987 International Flatbed to **City of Palmetto.**) RECORD S47-1330
5. **R-00-85** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 125.38, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.
(1987 Ford one-ton pickup to **City of Palmetto.**) RECORD S47-1331

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Classify excess property as surplus per *Florida Statute 274.05* to enable appropriate and authorized disposition in accordance with *Purchasing Code 99.37, Section 1.106*; authorization to thereafter dispose of property. RECORD S47-1332

LANDFILL MULCH FINES

Issue Change Order 1 to Purchase Order P0001150 for landfill mulch fines meeting Department of Environmental Protection specifications to Consolidated Resource Recovery for increase of \$40,000, for adjusted amount not to exceed \$63,397.

MAIL HANDLING SERVICES

Execute agreement for mail handling services with Access Mail Handling Service, Inc., not to exceed \$55,000. RECORD S47-1333

PALMA SOLA BOULEVARD AND CORTEZ ROAD

Execute Work Assignment 21 with Insituform Technologies, Inc. for sanitary sewer line rehabilitation services, not to exceed \$36,624. RECORD S47-1334

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

1. **Transportation Office Building** - Award IFB 00-4948DC to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications, Pat Cook Construction, Inc., \$2,235,913; subsequently execute contract, date performance/payment bonds, and accept insurance certificate.
2. **Trucks** - Purchase via State Contract three trucks for various County departments for a total of \$430,227.80 from:
 - Great Southern Equipment, \$181,706.80
 - Atlantic Ford Truck Sales, \$67,146
 - Southern Sewer Equipment, Inc., \$181,375

WASTE TIRE REMOVAL SERVICES

Issue Change Order 4 to Purchase Order P9002311 to Wheelabrator Ridge Energy, Inc. for an increase of \$15,600, adjusted amount not to exceed \$140,780.

GULF COAST SENIOR GAMES

R-00-88 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GULF COAST SENIOR GAMES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 97-28
(Rescinding Resolution R-98-15). RECORD S47-1335

PARKS CONCURRENCY INVENTORY

Authorize Parks and Recreation Department to add **Seabreeze Elementary, Palm View Elementary, Palmetto Boys Club, Harllee Middle, Louise Rogers Johnson Middle, Witt Elementary, and the Myakka Community Center/Park** to the Parks Concurrency Inventory.

RECORD S47-1336

IMPACT FEE CREDIT

Execute Credit Authorization CA-99-16(T) and Final Authorization of Transportation Credit for **Curtis S. Petzoldt and Kent S. Burnside, Co-Trustees**, for eligible right-of-way dedication (Old Tampa Road) per Credit Authorization CA-99-16(T), \$25,899.

RECORD S47-1337
S47-1338

ANIMAL SERVICES

Authorize the removal of uncollectible fees from Animal Services accounts for rabies tag fees, \$4,000.

RECORD S47-1339

ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

R-00-80 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR THE POWER AND PURPOSES OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, **REPEAL** OF RESOLUTION R-97-215.

RECORD S47-1340

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

R-00-87 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

(Execute Agreement with Department of Community Affairs, State \$48,035; County Match \$48,035).

RECORD S47-1341
S47-1342

TIME PAYMENT AGREEMENTS

Execute Time Payment Agreements for water/sewer facility investment fees, connection and line extension charges with

- Brad S. Lerner TR.; S47-1343
- Judy Abston and Michelle L. and Charles Martin S47-1344
(2 agreements); S47-1345
- Manatee Realty Investments, LTD.; S47-1346
- John H. and Lois E. Gammell; S47-1347
- Richard D. Shahinian and Randall T. and S47-1348
Deborah K. Clark;
- Robert W. and Deborah L. Martell S47-1349
(2 agreements); S47-1350
- David and Susan T. Balsley; S47-1351
- Joseph H. and Debra A. McElhiney; S47-1352
- Franklin A. and Terri K. Raybuck; S47-1353
- Edward J. Jr., and Barbara A. Liedke; S47-1354
- William R. Williams, Sr.; and S47-1355
- Eloise L. MacDonald RECORD S47-1356

DEEDS AND EASEMENTS

1. **14th Street West** - Street Lighting Easement and Conservation Easement from Coleyse Corporation for street lights on U.S. 41 at Bowlees Creek; Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances; Joinder from First State Bank of Sarasota. RECORD S47-1357
2. **Hagle Park Waterline Extension** - Utility Easement from Gerald William and Kathryn G. Sonier; Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances; Joinder from Market Street Mortgage Corporation. RECORD S47-1358
3. **14th Street West and 57th Avenue West** - Warranty Deed from 7-Eleven, Inc. required for dedication of right-of-way; Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances. RECORD S47-1359

ORDINANCE 00-31 - SPEED LIMITS

Set a public hearing on April 18, 2000, to regulate the speed limit on **36th Avenue East, 45th Street East, and in Manatee Oaks Subdivision.**

ORDINANCE 00-32 - NO PARKING

Set a public hearing on April 18, 2000, amending Ordinance 98-11, to regulate the stopping, standing, or parking of motor vehicles on **29th Avenue West.**

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CORTEZ ROAD MEDIAN LANDSCAPING

R-00-76 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MEDIANS ON S.R. 684/CORTEZ ROAD BETWEEN 28TH STREET WEST AND 30TH STREET WEST, ACCEPTING A PRIVATE PARTICIPATION DONATION FROM KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL, INC., AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE PLAN, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A LANDSCAPING INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO USE MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE TREE FUND, AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ANY ADDITIONAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

(Accepting \$8,000 donation commitment from Gary Cox for landscaping in front of **Cox Chevrolet** under the Adopt-a-Spot Program; and, execution of an agreement with Florida Department of Transportation).

RECORD S47-1360
S47-1361

(End Consent Agenda)

FINAL PLAT - TEN OAKS

Motion was made by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Harris and carried 6 to 0, with Mr. McClash abstaining, to approve the following:

1. Final Plat
2. Mortgagee's Joinder in Declaration only from Brasota Mortgage Company, Inc.
3. Mortgagee's Joinder in Declaration only from Republic Bank.
4. Agreement with Kendar Homes Corporation warranting required improvements (\$11,481.10).
5. Defect Security: \$11,481.10 (Letter of Credit S00-11, Republic Bank).
6. Agreement with Kendar Homes Corporation guaranteeing required improvements and temporary construction easement for private improvements (\$34,217.68).
7. Performance Bond: \$34,217.68 (Letter of Credit S00-10, Republic Bank).
8. Agreement with Kendar Homes Corporation guaranteeing completion of required sidewalks and bikeways (\$13,899.70).
9. Performance Bond: \$13,899.70 (Letter of Credit S00-09, Republic Bank).
10. Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, Easements, and Restrictions.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mrs. Stein presented a Proclamation designating April 9-15, 2000, as **Boys and Girls Club Week**, to Tom Moseley.

Mr. Harris presented a Proclamation designating the month of April 2000, as **Fair Housing Month**, to Karen Jackson-Sims.

Ms. Brown presented a Proclamation designating April 9-15, 2000, as **Crime Victims' Rights Week**, to Susie Brown.

Mrs. Glass presented a Proclamation designating the month of April 2000, as **2000 Florida Great American Cleanup Month**, to Ingrid McClellan.

Mr. Bruce presented a Proclamation designating April 9-15, 2000, as **Volunteer Week**, to Jay Perez and Laura Lockwood.

2000 COUNTY AND STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, presented Jackie Duray, Al Wallace, Marilyn Ott, Tammy Mirrilees, Jack Fencl, Bob Bixby, Guy Favorite, Barbara Tyler, Maria Prieto, Paul Hull, Jay Fortney, Art Waldron, Gene Helfrick, and Jim Russell with Certificates of Appreciation for service on the 2000 County and State Fair Committee.

WESTWOOD H. FLETCHER, JR. TROPHY FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT

Mr. Padgett presented the Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr. Trophy for Improved Management for 2000 to the **Human Services Division, Community Services Department**, for the 1999 Children's Summit: "Families Rising to the Top." The award was accepted by Fred Loveland and Cheri Coryea of the Community Services Department.

Mr. Padgett recognized Mr. Fletcher's son, Westwood H. Fletcher, III, and one of the judges in attendance, Mac Tully of *The Bradenton Herald*.

INTRODUCTION

Tedd Williams, County Attorney, introduced **Stephanie Crossman** as a new attorney with the County Attorney's Office.

DESIGNATION OF METROPOLITAN AREAS

Nancy Engel, Economic Development Council (EDC), presented information regarding potential changes to the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) designation and its effect on the economic development of Manatee County. MSAs are being redefined to Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSA) and combined areas, based on the 2000 Census. She advised that using the 1990 Census, we would be the Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice CBSA and potentially Sarasota-Port Charlotte combined area. Whether an outlying county would be included in a CBSA will be determined solely by commuter patterns. A 25 percent commute pattern would result in a combination.

Ms. Engel discussed the need for a letter-writing campaign should a recommendation be made to use Sarasota-Port Charlotte as the combined area designation. Additionally, she discussed the news release from the County and the letter from the EDC asking south county employers to advise their employees they are employed in Manatee County. She also suggested the Planning Department request the Census Bureau check the 34243 Zip Code to verify Manatee County is the County identified.

Discussion: Impact if Manatee County name is dropped; loss of marketing and community identification; letter to Congressman Dan Miller as to why these changes are being made; impact on citizens; working with Washington lobbyists; united effort with cities; etc.

Action was continued until later in the meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Robert Ranick voiced his objection to the proposed insurance settlement of an embezzlement claim (deleted from the agenda). He stated the County should not settle the matter before a trial.

James G. Schrader, representing the Coral Shores Owners Association, Inc., and **Vernon Thudium** relayed safety concerns as Coral Shores has only one fire hydrant. More than half of the 189 homes are more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant. Mr. Schrader asked that reclaimed water be looked into in regard to fire protection.

Discussion: Report on fire hydrants; evaluate existing water lines to see if additional hydrants could be added; water lines are analyzed annually for potential hydrant additions; inability to use canal water due to salt water damage to fire equipment; etc.

William Wheeler displayed an intersection drawing of 33rd Street East and S.R. 70, which prohibits U-turns. He expressed concerns of traffic safety due to poor ingress and egress of two gas stations at this intersection. He asked that something be done.

Richard Cremaschi requested relief from airboat restrictions (Ordinance 99-67). He presented photographs to demonstrate the differences between propeller boats and airboats.
(Discussed later in the meeting)

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FIRST UNION BUILDING - RENOVATIONS

David Rothfuss, Assistant County Administrator, recommended awarding IFB 00-4784DC to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Tri-Tech Construction & Design, Inc., \$287,525; and authorize subsequent execution of contract, dating of performance/payment bonds, and acceptance of insurance certificate for renovations at the First Union Building for temporary court operations.

Discussion: Cost of renovations for temporary use; alternative sites; Garland Building; critical needs for ongoing court operations; temporary facilities recommended; first floor used for a hearing room and Drug Court.

Sam Love, Facilities Management Director, advised the renovation cost would be \$44 per square foot.

Walt Smith, Court Administrator, stated the best use of the Cates Building is to use the group counseling room as a second hearing room for Child Support Enforcement. At this time, there is not a one-to-one ratio of Hearing Officers and courtrooms.

Discussion: Financial impact of one-to-one ratio; few years before Article V is decided upon; worked with Dr. Wong, space consultant, on the needs for the new judicial building; security will encompass two bailiffs and security cameras; request snapshot of courtroom use; etc.

Chief Judge Thomas Gallen addressed the factors involved in scheduling the courtrooms.

Discussion: Have funds been budgeted; operational impact; utilities and operating expenses being paid for in this building; drug court funded through grants; etc.

James Seuffert, Financial Management Director, advised the First Union Building had been suggested for courtroom use and funds have been set aside for the renovation. The operational impact would require an addition to the FY 2000-01 budget.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mrs. Glass, seconded by Mr. Harris and carried 7 to 0.

Recess/Reconvene. All members present.

BID PROTEST - TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Rob Cuthbert, Purchasing Manager, recommended denial of the two protests by ADS Telecommunications, Inc., dba Teleco-ADS for the rejection of their bid as not meeting the minimum qualifications of IFB 99-4448DC, NEC 2400 IMX Phone System.

Diane Frenz, Information Services Director, stated the administrative telephone switch must be expanded.

Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, recommended the Board not hear the appeal.

Tedd Williams, County Attorney, advised that the Board could schedule a hearing, request further written response from the County Administrator, or grant or deny the appeal.

Discussion: Installation technicians not certified at the time the bid was opened; etc.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Ms. Brown and carried 7 to 0, to deny the appeal.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. Glass and carried 7 to 0, to award IFB 99-4448DC to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Southeastern Telecom, Inc., \$446,975; and authorize subsequent execution of agreement and acceptance of insurance certificate.

DESIGNATED DOG RUN - G.T. BRAY PARK

Daniel Hopkins, Parks and Recreation Director, gave a video presentation featuring a "Paw Park" (dog park) in Sarasota County. He presented a draft of dog park rules for the designated dog run ("Happy Tails Park") at G.T. Bray Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the dog park rules, pending modification of rules by County Attorney. Motion carried 7 to 0. RECORD S47-1362

DUETTE PARK - PRESCRIBED BURN

Mr. Hopkins gave a slide presentation describing the Duette Park Prescribed Burn Program.

(Depart Mrs. Glass)

DESIGNATION OF METROPOLITAN AREAS

Motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Harris, to approve, ratify, and confirm the letter sent to south county employers and the press release on U.S. Census forms.

Discussion: Motion to include letter to Congressman Miller.

Motion carried 6 to 0.

ORDINANCE 99-67 - AIRBOATS

William Henry, Chief Assistant County Attorney, requested authorization to set a public hearing to consider an amendment to Ordinance 99-67 (requested 3/21/00), as the Ordinance is confusing where airboats can legally operate and a better definition is needed as to where the ban applies. He presented a copy of Section 2.b of the Ordinance and a map highlighting the areas referenced in the Ordinance.

Discussion: Prefer to clarify language in existing Ordinance rather than another public hearing; refine language; etc.

Mr. Stephens stated the County Attorney would review the language, bring the item back, and decide at that time if a public hearing would be needed on this issue.

(Enter Mrs. Glass)

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Blood Drive Award

Mr. Stephens stated the County received an award for its partnership with the Blood Bank, which was accepted by Garnet McDonald, Employee Health Benefits.

Riverview Point Property

Mr. McClash asked for an opening in the fence so citizens can use the facility and that staff work with the DeSoto Park staff in that regard.

38th Avenue East/19th Street Court East Industrial Park

Mrs. Glass expressed a concern with this area and its need for assistance with traffic management. She presented a hand-drawn map of the area and suggested traffic managers review the area.

Discussion: Extending 44th Avenue; issue because of drainage ditch; item on Capital Improvements Program; etc.

Quality of Life

Mr. Harris requested an informational insert for utility bills, which would explain to citizens that the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan provide quality of life and protect landowners' rights in Manatee County.

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Discussion: Need to raise public awareness explaining how these codes protect the areas we enjoy; concern of keeping up with infrastructure; what more can be done to protect natural state of community; developers want concise information from County; discussion as to issues from planning and zoning sessions; clarify difference between exemptions and exceptions; growth has to be managed; pace, balance, and control; work session needed; different visions of growth.

East County

Ms. Brown stated she has received feedback that there is a perception of favoritism being shown to East County and not enough attention is being given to the older neighborhoods.

Canal Road and 17th Street East

Ms. Brown repeated a previous request for a traffic signal at Canal Road and 17th Street.

Legislative Session

James Seuffert gave a report that this legislative session's revenue sharing is a concern and noted that Mr. Stephens testified before a House Community Affairs Committee on this issue.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



Clerk



Chairman 7/25/00

Adj: 12:30 p.m.
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