

NOVEMBER 21, 2000

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, November 21, 2000, at 9:05 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Gwendolyn Y. Brown, Chairman
 Patricia M. Glass, First Vice-Chairman
 Jonathan Bruce, Second Vice-Chairman
 George L. Harris
 Joe McClash
 Amy Stein
 Jane W. von Hahmann

Also present were:

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

Invocation by Jonathan Bruce.

The Special Meeting was noticed via writing.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Paul E. Logan, Circuit Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to **George L. Harris**, District 4.

The Honorable Thomas M. Gallen, Chief Manatee County Judge, administered the Oath of Office to **Jane W. von Hahmann**, District 3; **Joe McClash**, Commissioner At-Large; **Amy E. Stein**, District 1; and, **Jonathan R. Bruce**, District 5.

(R.B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court, presiding)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. McClash moved to vote for all new chairmanships in the County Commission, Port Authority, and Civic Center. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Glass and carried 7 to 0.

R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court, opened the floor for nominations for the election of officers to the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman - Joe McClash

Nominations: Mr. McClash - by Mrs. Glass

Mr. McClash was unanimously elected Chairman.

(Mr. McClash presiding)

First Vice-Chairman - Amy Stein

Nominations: Mrs. Stein - by Mr. Bruce

Mrs. Stein was unanimously elected First Vice-Chairman.

Second Vice-Chairman - Patricia M. Glass

Nominations: Mrs. Glass - by Mr. Harris.

Mrs. Glass was unanimously elected Second Vice-Chairman.

Third Vice-Chairman - Jane W. von Hahmann

Nominations: Mrs. von Hahmann - by Mrs. Stein

Mrs. von Hahmann was unanimously elected Third Vice-Chairman.

PORT AUTHORITY

Chairman - Jonathan Bruce

Nominations: Mr. Harris - by Mrs. Glass
 Mr. Bruce - by Mrs. Stein

Voting for Mr. Harris were Mrs. Glass, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Harris.

Voting for Mr. Bruce were Mrs. Stein, Mr. McClash, Mrs. von Hahmann, and Mr. Bruce. Mr. Bruce was elected Chairman.

First Vice-Chairman - Joe McClash

Nominations: Mr. McClash - by Mrs. Stein

Mr. McClash was unanimously elected First Vice-Chairman.

Second Vice-Chairman - George L. Harris

Nominations: Mr. Harris - by Mrs. Glass

Mr. Harris was unanimously elected Second Vice-Chairman.

Third Vice-Chairman - Amy Stein

Nominations: Mrs. Stein - by Mr. Bruce

Mrs. Stein was unanimously elected Third Vice-Chairman.

CIVIC CENTER

Chairman - Amy Stein

Nominations: Mrs. Stein - by Mr. Bruce

Mrs. Stein was unanimously elected Chairman.

First Vice-Chairman - Jane W. von Hahmann

Nominations: Mrs. von Hahmann - by Mrs. Stein

Mrs. von Hahmann was unanimously elected First Vice-Chairman.

Second Vice-Chairman - George L. Harris

Nominations: Mr. Harris - by Mr. Bruce

Mr. Harris was unanimously elected Second Vice-Chairman.

Third Vice-Chairman - Patricia M. Glass

Nominations: Mrs. Glass - by Mrs. Stein

Mrs. Glass was unanimously elected Third Vice-Chairman.

SARASOTA-MANATEE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Mr. McClash requested a representative for the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mrs. von Hahmann and Mr. Harris volunteered, with Mrs. von Hahmann being appointed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Ola Mae Sims Park

Mrs. Stein requested that Ernie Padgett, County Administrator, explore expansion of Ola Mae Sims Park, in Parrish, via a land exchange with the owners of Blossom Grove.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. Shore requested clarification on Rules of Procedure for the election of officers.

Tedd Williams, County Attorney, advised that to change the procedure, Resolution 00-25 must be amended to allow elections in November instead of January.

Mr. McClash clarified that the votes taken this date would take the place of the elections in January 2001.

Recess/Reconvene. All members present.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Michael Guy, MPO Director, presented for discussion the 2025 Long-Range Transportation Plan (discussed 10/3/00).

Bob Longfield, URS Corporation (MPO consultant), reviewed the Needs (constrained and unconstrained) and Cost Feasible Plan. He stated that the constrained needs plan has an estimated construction cost in today's dollars (including rights-of-way) of \$2.5 billion through the year 2005 with anticipated revenue of \$1.5 billion.

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When the 2025 Needs Plan traffic was reviewed, it was found that there is a great deal of east-west travel to cross I-75. Under today's circumstances travelers have to pass through interchange areas and in the future these interchanges are going to have greater levels of traffic congestion. The development of additional routes to cross the interstate will alleviate the congestion. He also noted that if a bridge crossing is moved toward the interstate, it becomes more convenient for the traveler.

Phase I of the Feasible Plan has five improvement alternatives for the year 2015:

1. Double-Decked U.S. 41/301 Bridge;
2. 15th Street East Bridge/Canal Road;
3. Upper Manatee Bridge;
4. 26th Street East Bridge;
5. 15th Street East/Upper Manatee Bridge - combines alternatives 2 and 3.

Mr. Longfield reviewed the costs of the alternatives and stated that Alternatives 1 and 3 would produce the most improvement in lane miles.

Discussion: Community input; double-deck option could affect businesses along U.S. 41/301; spreading traffic out; increased lanes on U.S. 41; are the dollars in the plan to expand U.S. 301 from Old Tampa Road to the Hillsborough County line; revenue projections do not add up to the proposed annual funding; relative cost in correlation to the capital improvements plan and transportation network; Fort Hamer Road bridge; the same presentation should be made at the upcoming meeting with the city officials; Alternative 4 is not feasible; 44th Avenue East extension; etc.

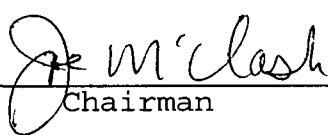
MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman

Adj: 2:56 p.m.
/tb/qa

Minutes approved: 2/20/01

