

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in REGULAR SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, at 9:02 a.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Carol Whitmore, Chairman
John R. Chappie, First Vice-Chairman
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr., Second Vice-Chairman
Michael Gallen, Third Vice-Chairman
Robin DiSabatino
Donna Hayes
Joe McClash

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Tedd Williams, Jr., County Attorney
Susan G. Romine, Board Records Senior Manager,
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

Invocation by Yancy Styles, Tabernacle of Higher Learning Christian Center

AGENDA

Agenda of February 8, 2011.

[BC20110208DOC001](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, and carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda incorporating the language as stated in the recommended motions in the agenda memoranda. Items APPROVED:

CLERK'S CONSENT CALENDAR

[BC20110208DOC002](#)

BONDS

Accept:

Sheriff's Public Employees and Deputy Sheriff's Blanket Bonds (8 additions, 15 deletions)

WARRANT LIST

February 3, 2011, through February 7, 2011

[BC20110208DOC003](#)

[BC20110208DOC004](#)

ACCEPT

Manatee County Annual Local Government Financial Report – FY 2009-10

[BC20110208DOC005](#)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

GREENHOUSE DONATION

Authorization for the Agriculture and Research Department to accept donation from Manatee County Friends of Extension in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 86-05 and procedures established by the County Administrator's Office, of a greenhouse valued at \$21,000 located at the Manatee County Fairgrounds to be used for establishing a demonstration garden and horticulture training facility.

[BC20110208DOC006](#)

LAWSUITS

1. Eminent Domain: 9th Street East

Approval of settlement fees and costs with Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., and Winn Dixie Stores Leasing LLC, in the eminent domain case of Manatee County v. Bradenton THCI Holding Company, et al., Case 2009-CA-3661; (Parcels 105, 705A & 705B); \$40,184.34.

2. State of Florida v. Angela D. Penrod, et al.

[BC20110208DOC007](#)

Authorization for the County Attorney's Office to support the pending appeal of an order invalidating Manatee County Noise Ordinance 08-12; Case 2008-CO-2757; Appeal 2011-AC-000004.

[BC20110208DOC008](#)

FEE WAIVER

Waive engineering and reinspection fees for expired permits (4/1/98-8/31/04) for contractors who are no longer licensed by Manatee County or the State of Florida, \$3,282.70 to allow the Building Department to close the permits for the contractors who have received their final inspections. [BC20110208DOC009](#)

BUDGET AMENDMENT**Various Departments B-11-030**

Supporting Description and Detail Attached [BC20110208DOC010](#)

ANNA MARIA ISLAND/COQUINA BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT

Award IFB 11-0741OV to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company LLC, and authorize the County Administrator or his designee, to execute contract documents subsequently, date payment/performance bonds, and acceptance of insurance certificate, \$6,900,000.

Discussion: Funding from one-cent Tourist Development Tax; geo tubes; cost effective ways to nourish beaches; grant funds; bidding process; demobilization and pipeline establishment; written report will be supplied; etc. [BC20110208DOC011](#)

(Note: Further discussion later in the meeting)

PROPERTY WITH DELINQUENT TAX

Award IFB 11-1500TR to the Herald Tribune Media Group, and authorize the Chairman to sign letter notifying Manatee County Tax Collector of the action. [BC20110208DOC012](#)

FINAL PLAT**Central Park, Subphase G-1a, G-1b, E-1a**

1. Final Plat;
2. Lot Drainage and Grading Plans;
3. Mortgagee Joinder In and Ratification of Subdivision Plat from FC LLC;
4. Agreement Guaranteeing Completion of Required Improvements and Temporary Construction Easement for Private Improvements with Central Park Lifestyles LLC - Final Lift of Asphalt; and Performance Bond (Cashiers Check 4734793089) from Sun Trust Bank, \$31,372.43;
5. Agreement for Final Wearing Course of Asphalt on Roadways with Central Park Lifestyles LLC;
6. Conservation Easement from Central Park Lifestyles LLC;
7. Temporary Turnaround Easement from Central Park Lifestyles LLC; and
8. First Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Central Park to add Subphase G-1a, G-1b, & E-1a. [BC20110208DOC013](#)

DEEDS AND EASEMENTS

1. **30th Avenue West, Bradenton** - Temporary Construction Easement from Woodpark at Desoto Square Owner's Association, Inc., for removal of a meter vault. [BC20110208DOC014](#)
2. **44th Avenue East** - Permanent Easement and Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from CJ DeLaGarza Properties LLC; Mortgagee Joinder from Northern Trust, N.A. [BC20110208DOC015](#)
3. **Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach** - Utility Easement and Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Sun Plaza West Condominium Association, Inc., to complete master meter improvements to existing meter vault. [BC20110208DOC016](#)
4. **Myakka Community Park** - Right-of-Way Easement to Peace River Electric Cooperative, Inc., for electric service to the Community Center. [BC20110208DOC017](#)
5. **Whitfield Estates Subdivision** - Utility Easement and Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Allen Investments of Sarasota LLC for easement over property at 6915-14th Street West for replacement of force main along U.S. 41; Joinder from Northern Trust Bank of Florida, N.A.; and Disclaimer from Travis Boats & Motors LLC.

NACO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - CROSLY CARRIAGE HOUSE

Execution of, and authorization to submit, NACo Achievement Award Application for the Crosley Carriage House Restoration project. [BC20110208DOC019](#)

WARES CREEK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Execution of Contract for Sale and Purchase for an Access and Maintenance Easement

from Eugene Shultis, Sr., Carol Shultis, Julia Thornton Willis, and June Louise West, \$7,600; and authorization for Finance to issue two checks totaling \$7,600; \$433.34 to Carol Shultis and \$7,166.66 to the remaining parties. [BC20110208DOC020](#)

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Authorization to classify property which is uneconomical to upgrade or repair as surplus per *Florida Statute 274.05* to enable appropriate and authorized disposition of said property, and authorization to thereafter dispose of such property. [BC20110208DOC021](#)

CORTEZ ROAD AND 26TH STREET WEST

R-11-021 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR **TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE** LOCATED AT CORTEZ AND 26TH STREET WEST FPN: 425531-1-58-01 (Local Agency Program Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation, \$443,504).

CORTEZ ROAD AND 59TH STREET WEST

R-11-022 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR **TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE** LOCATED AT CORTEZ AND 59TH STREET WEST FPN: 425532-1-58-01 (Local Agency Program Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation, \$336,368).

SERVICE FEE WAIVERS

Authorization to waive \$2,370.57 in service fees assessed to various utility customer accounts for returned bank items. [BC20110208DOC023](#)
[BC20110208DOC024](#)

UNCOLLECTIBLE EMS ACCOUNTS

R-11-031 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE INCURRED BY PARTICULAR RECIPIENTS OF MANATEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS UNCOLLECTIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND ADJUSTED TO ZERO IN THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEDGER.

Discussion: More information on write-offs; types of service; partial or full amounts; add column for billing information; insurance difference; address during budget; etc. [BC20110208DOC025](#)

RESPONSES TO BOARD INQUIRIES

Accept memoranda from County Departments in response to directions/inquiries by the Board:

1. **Parks and Recreation** – Link from Riverdale to Bennett Park (1/11/11); and
2. **Public Works** – Fort Hamer Bridge Update (1/18/11). [BC20110208DOC026](#)

(End Consent Agenda)

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Dan Gray, Utilities Department Director, presented the Employee of the Month Award to **Larry Ewain**, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer, Utilities Department. [BC20110208DOC027](#)

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Cheri Coryea and Debbie DeLeon, Neighborhood Services Department, presented **Geneva Presha**, Americorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), the President's Volunteer Service Award for her year of service. [BC20110208DOC028](#)

PROCLAMATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. DiSabatino, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt:

1. A Proclamation designating February 19-20, 2011, as Cortez Fishing Festival Days was accepted by **Linda Molto, Dr. Mary Fulford Green, Allen Garner, and Kim McVey**, President of F.I.S.H. (Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage). [BC20110208DOC029](#)
2. A Proclamation designating February 2011 as Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month was accepted by **Kimberly Griffen**, Manatee Children's Services. [BC20110208DOC030](#)

3. A Proclamation designating March 2011 as Firefighter Appreciation Month was accepted by North River Fire Chief **John McInnis**. [BC20110208DOC031](#)

TERRA CEIA PRESERVE

John McDonald, Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Advisory Committee (ELMAC), spoke of the 1,900-acre, waterfront Terra Ceia Preserve. He discussed the advantages of the Preserve and the disadvantages if the Preserve is closed. He requested the Board send a letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requesting the Preserve remain open.

Mr. McClash displayed an aerial of Terra Ceia and explained ELMAC requested the Board add the request to the legislative platform for the state not to abandon the area.

Motion was made by Mr. McClash to make this part of the legislative platform to request the state to not fully close the Terra Ceia parcel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hayes.

Discussion: Does not have to be operated as a park; prevent the exotic species from returning; motion includes sending a letter to DEP; include Gamble Mansion, which may be closed; Historic Preservation; Clerk of Circuit Court input; State and local funding; annual fundraising festival; no restrooms at Terra Ceia; try to keep both parks open; budget cuts; etc.

The motion carried 7 to 0.

Motion was made by Mr. Bustle to have staff develop a position in regard to Gamble Mansion that considers all budget concerns, but allows us to explore whatever possibilities might be for advocating keeping it open. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallen, and following discussion of including the Historic Preservation Board, the motion carried 7 to 0.

Mr. McDonald noted there is a 100-year old house on the Terra Ceia property called the Haley House. A Management Agreement was implemented wherein SWFWMD agreed to the purchase negotiations and DEP agreed to manage the property. [BC20110208DOC032](#)

FORT HAMER ROAD BRIDGE

Jay King, Parrish resident, displayed photographs of Rye Road Bridge, and questioned the need for the Fort Hamer Road Bridge. A photograph from the *Bradenton Herald* was displayed as he discussed the 25-year Transportation Improvement Plan presented by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a feasibility study to place a bridge in the Palmetto/Ellenton area. He displayed a list of priority projects that would not be possible if the Fort Hamer Bridge is built.

(Note: Further discussion later in meeting)

[BC20110208DOC033](#)

SOUTH COUNTY CRA MEETING

Mrs. DiSabatino noted the next CRA meeting will be held February 15, at 5:30 p.m., at Harllee Middle School. [BC20110208DOC034](#)

CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Public hearing (Notice published) was held regarding the draft of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) Substantial Amendment to the 2010-11 Action Plan and Proposed Use of Funds and Proposed Budget, \$3,321,893; and Resolution

R-11-027 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2010-11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTION PLAN

(Authorizing County Administrator, or designee, to execute subrecipient funding agreements and authorize payments up to the maximum allowable funding for Federal CDBG program activities).

Motion was made by Mr. McClash, seconded by Mrs. DiSabatino, and carried 7 to 0, to adopt Resolution R-11-027. [BC20110208DOC035](#)

Recess/Reconvene. All members present.

FORT HAMER ROAD BRIDGE (Continued)

Tom Davidson, representing Waterlefe Master Property Owner's Association, submitted a letter sent to the United States Coast Guard, with 87 questions regarding the Fort Hamer Road Bridge.

Ken Bumgardner, Chairman of the Waterlefe Community Development District (CDD), provided a packet of information on specific mitigation requests. The CDD is not opposed to the bridge, but construction issues need to be addressed. The back gate is 40-50 feet from where the road will be and full mitigation is needed to protect the residents. He expressed concern with tree removal, safety, speeding vehicles, noise, lights, and areas for bicyclists. He requested a limit on times trucks may use the bridge and suggested there will be much more truck use than estimated. A meeting is scheduled later in the month with staff to discuss the issues.

David Payne, representing residents in the Fort Hamer Road area, displayed photographs from the area and expressed concerns regarding narrow roadways, soft shoulders, washouts, lack of sidewalks, vehicle accidents, and bicyclists on the roadways. He pointed out the housing developments in the area, local schools, children walking near the roadways, and the dangers of increased traffic.

Tom O'Donnell, Waterlefe resident and member of the Stop the Bridge Committee, spoke of safety issues, road width, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and proper lighting.

Patricia Petruff, CDD attorney, explained the CDD is not opposed to the bridge, but has concerns with impaired access to the back gate and increased traffic at the main entrance of Waterlefe.

Ben Jordan, Parrish resident, spoke of the desire of the Parrish Civic Association to bring commercial development to the Parrish area and how the bridge will help with that development. He suggested a toll for the bridge could fund improvements for the connecting roads.

Bill Clague, Deputy County Attorney, recommended deferring any questions or details of the project to staff and the professional engineers. The Board should make no motions, and staff will report back at the appropriate time.

Ron Schulhofer, Public Works Director, reviewed a slide presentation on the specifics of the bridge, and spoke of the plan for improvements for Fort Hamer Road and sidewalk installation. Engineers have determined Fort Hamer Road meets County standards and is safe. Bridge developer, URS Corporation Southern (URS), was directed by the Coast Guard to expand the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and as a result, the bridge design was suspended.

Darren Carrier, URS, spoke of the prior presentation at 60 percent design and noted there have been additions. He continued the slide presentation pointing out the design for the two-lane phase construction plans, lanes size, dedicated bicycle lanes, and sidewalks for the length of the project. He referred to a rendering of the existing right-of-way with a line indicating the minimum amount of foliage that will be cleared in front of Waterlefe. Limited roadway lighting will be provided, and the bridge will not be lit.

Marty Pete, URS, continued the slide presentation and spoke of working with the Coast Guard to develop individual sections of the draft EIS. The Coast Guard directed URS to expand the limits of the EIS to include alternatives, and Rye Road will be added. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was triggered due to significant environmental impacts and/or controversy of the

project. A meeting was held with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, which supports the bridge but had issues to be addressed. The Coast Guard has reviewed the first three chapters of the EIS, and the environmental chapters will be expanded to include alternatives and consequences. The flow chart depicts that URS is now in the process of meeting with agencies such as the Water Management District, National Marine Fisheries, and the Fish and Wildlife Services, to develop the pre-draft EIS, which will eventually be sent to the Coast Guard. The official draft will then be released for agency and public review, and a public hearing can be held no sooner than 45 days after being published in the Federal Register.

Mr. Schulhofer stated the next step will be the expansion of the EIS probably after a five-month delay, and the cost should be within the contingency budget.

(Note: Further discussion later in meeting)

[BC20110208DOC033](#)

Recess/Reconvene. All members present.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ANNUAL REPORT

Elliott Falcione, Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Director, discussed promoting tourism and how vital the industry is to economic growth. The Tourist Development Council (TDC) makes recommendations that are brought to the Board. He narrated a slide presentation with an overview of the TDC, tourism tax, annual budget, on-line travel research, consumer shows, sales force, marketing, social networking and feeder markets. Future plans and promotions were discussed for professional sports teams, air travel, and marketing opportunities.

Debbie Meihls, CVB Marketing Manager, continued the slide presentation while discussing the tourism industry, including working with the federal government on customs and passports for international travel, Florida CVBs, and local trade shows. The CVB is developing enhanced visitor guides, an in-house public relations team and film commission, and strategic partner alliances. She discussed sports marketing and the new rowing facility, as well as promotions, public relations, advertising, and marketing. Three television advertisements were shown, and a documentary will be aired on the Discovery Channel throughout the month. Web site advertising is being developed, as it is one of the largest marketing venues.

Rachel Harrison, CVB Facilities Manager, continued the slide presentation and spoke of the Powel Crosley Estate, and the Manatee Civic Center, which will be renovated and renamed the Manatee Convention Center. Statistics were given on hosted events, tournaments, shows, and conventions. Efforts have been made to reduce costs through higher rental rates, in-house maintenance and repairs, and "green" practices. The Crosley Estate entrance sign has been erected, and the Estate has teamed with the University of South Florida (USF) for other signage.

Mr. Falcione stated that tourism is the top industry in the State and brings in over \$60 billion, with 80 million visitors annually. German visitors spend more than any other tourists, and the CVB works to capture that market. The annual economic impact for Manatee County results in over 17,000 jobs and \$800 million.

Discussion: Sign finally in place; renovations; economic development; connect IMG Academies and rowing; media tagging advertisements; backyard promotions viable; etc. [BC20110208DOC036](#)

Recess/Reconvene. All members present except Mrs. Hayes.

AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION ANNUAL REPORT

Christa Kirby, Agriculture and Resource Conservation Department Interim Director, began a slide presentation and stated the department will become a division of the Community Services Department. The division is comprised of 26 faculty and staff members in the Soils, Extension Education, and Fair Grounds Maintenance divisions. The department is assisted annually by 375 volunteers for presentations and education.

(Enter Mrs. Hayes)

Crystal Snodgrass, Production Vegetable Agent, continued the slide presentation while discussing the impacts associated with production agriculture including livestock, vegetable, and ornamental production. Agriculture is a major contributor to the economy and supports 17,000 local jobs. Statistics were given on livestock and agricultural acreage, revenue, and production. Ornamental horticulture, water quality criteria, groundwater pollutants, best management practices, and continuing education were discussed.

Lisa Hickey, Master Gardner and Master Naturalist Coordinator, continued the slide presentation while discussing environmental horticulture and water conservation. Educational classes are held for the Master Naturalist, Master Gardener, and Florida Friendly Landscaping programs, and Water Conservation, and Commercial Landscaping. Community education, water conservation, and commercial horticulture landscape management were discussed.

Ms. Kirby discussed the Marine Extension Program, marine fishery resources, artificial reefs, grants, workshops, impact studies, economic output, commercial fishing, and marine programs.

Samantha Kennedy, Family and Consumer Science Agent, explained the Family and Consumer Scientist Program provides education to residents on such topics as nutrition, food safety, home environment, money management, and disaster preparedness.

Dr. Diana Smith, 4-H Youth Development Agent, spoke on the mission of the 4-H Program and reviewed statistics for the Program.

Ms. Kirby discussed the Soils Division and conservation development, including water quality and quantity, plant and animal resources, and security and maintenance of the Fair grounds.

[BC20110208DOC037](#)

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Jim Seuffert, Financial Management Director, stated the Financial Management Department deals with the budget, the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), general financial matters, centralized purchasing, impact fee administration, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reporting. This was the second year of the two-year budget process and there were challenges due to lower than expected revenues.

Angie Bibler, Senior Budget Manager, began a slide presentation on the annual budget process. She noted ad valorem property tax estimates are based on the value of the County's tax role. She reviewed a summary chart of employee numbers and position reductions. Millage rates, Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices, revenue, taxing authority, budget review, work sessions, public hearings, and proposed and final budgets were all explained.

Mr. Seuffert presented the Manatee County Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Angie Bibler, and recognized Sandy Kirkby for her work on the Budget Book.

Ms. Bibler referred to a chart that showed an estimation of where property taxes are budgeted and allocated, and discussed budgeted funds and allocations. A new fund balance policy was approved in 2010 that requires 20 percent of annual operating expenditures be maintained as a fund balance to ensure continuing operations in the event of interrupted revenues.

Peggy Curtain, Budget Manager, continued the presentation explaining how the CIP is updated annually. She discussed the active projects, funding sources, the comprehensive debt report, and bonds. A bond rating chart was displayed and reviewed.

Sharla Fouquet, Impact Fee Coordinator, continued the slide presentation and discussed impact fee administration, including coordination, review, assessment, and analysis.

Greg Wright, Budget Manager, continued the slide presentation and explained the coordination of FEMA. He discussed claims, collection and consolidation of data, audits, and the BP oil spill claim.

Rob Cuthbert, Purchasing Division Manager, continued the slide presentation while discussing the purchasing ordinance, procedures, economic stimulation, public access information, and business opportunities. He explained methods of procurement, master contracts, business opportunities, bid methods, and laws governing construction. He reviewed a chart of project funds awarded to local businesses in the past three years. A paperless purchase order system has been implemented, outreach programs have been conducted, and two staff members achieved national accreditation for purchasing knowledge.

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, noted discussion will begin in March for the budget that will be presented in May. [BC20110208DOC038](#)

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Anna Maria Island/Coquina Beach Nourishment Project (Continued)

Mr. McClash requested a map to review exactly where the projects will take place.

Mr. Chappie stated he met with Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Director, and the City of Anna Maria Mayor to discuss renourishment. The other island Mayors will be updated.

Mr. Hunzeker received an email from Mr. Hunsicker stating the renourishment is FEMA funded. [BC20110208DOC011](#)

ELMAC Meeting

Mr. McClash attended last night's meeting, and there was no quorum. He would like to review the attendance records, and noted the ELMAC ordinance has no provision for replacing positions after three consecutive absences. The Tree Advisory Board is also inclusive in the ELMAC Board. He pointed out the agendas should be produced at least a week prior to meetings. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Fort Hamer Road Bridge (Continued)

Mr. McClash requested Mr. Schulhofer provide the road updates as soon as possible. There are sidewalks from Fort Hamer to Old Tampa Road, but they are still needed from Old Tampa Road to U.S. 301. He noted 11-foot roadways in the County are functioning well.

Mrs. DiSabatino noted a picture presented earlier in the meeting showed a child riding a bicycle on the wrong side of Fort Hamer Road. She suggested the need for road safety information.

Mr. Bustle concurred with a previous suggestion of tolling the bridge and questioned if a toll could be implemented with the proceeds to be used for Upper Manatee River Road and Fort Hamer Road improvements.

Tedd Williams Jr., County Attorney, stated he will review *Florida Statute* regarding tolls.

Discussion: No federal funds, just impact fees for bridge; no bonds; no prior obligation; other funds are being used for the bridge; use toll for bridge and bridge funds for road improvements; comply with impact fee rules; toll study was done; Sun Pass; etc.

Mr. Gallen agreed that bridge tolls should be explored and public safety concerns for the bridge should be addressed. The bridge will create area impacts and is unique in that it will connect populated communities.

Mrs. Hayes noted tolls will probably not deter people from using the bridge. [BC20110208DOC033](#)

Staff Acknowledgement

Mrs. DiSabatino thanked Jeff Bishop and Sage Kamiya for the speed table installation in McCollums Lake; Pat Wentzel for Code Enforcement; Sheri Weidert for attending meetings; and Cindy Turner for upgrading grates at Pride Park. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Real Estate Market

Mrs. DiSabatino submitted charts on Market Dynamics and reported on the 2010-2011 median price comparisons, properties under contract, and sold properties.

Discussion: Supply and demand; decrease of inventory; copies to Board; etc. [BC20110208DOC040](#)

Greek Glendi

Mrs. DiSabatino noted the festival will be held next weekend at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church on Lockwood Ridge Road. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Rubonia Mardi Gras

Mr. Bustle attended the Rubonia Community Association meeting to discuss Mardi Gras to be held on February 20. A total of \$10,000 is needed to fund the event, and only \$4,000 has been acquired. If the remaining funds are not received by February 12, the event may be cancelled. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Port Manatee Concessionaire Study

Mr. Bustle reported February 10 will be the beginning of the ARUP Advisory, Inc., briefings. The marketing study will be forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Governor's Budget

Ms. Whitmore announced the new state budget is posted at www.letsgettowork.net. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Bradenton Herald

Ms. Whitmore noted that Rosalee Shaffer from the League of Women Voters is now on the Editorial Board of the *Bradenton Herald*. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Student Programs

Ms. Whitmore attended the prayer breakfast at Braden River High School where the Take Stock in Children group performed. She also attended a function at We Care Manatee, Inc., where the jazz band from Booker High School performed. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Chili Fundraiser

Ms. Whitmore and Mr. Chappie thanked all Commissioners for participating in the United Way fundraiser. Mr. Hunzeker reported \$447 was raised. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Peace River Mansota Regional Water Supply Authority

Ms. Whitmore congratulated Mr. Chappie as the new Chairman. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

Fort Hamer Rowing Facility

Ms. Whitmore read a letter from a Harvard University student praising the training facility, the welcoming ceremony, and area hospitality.

Mr. Chappie reported that he and Dave Gustafson, Building and Development Services Department, met with the principal of St. Stephens School to organize a rowing club. The McLewis Bridge on Riverview Boulevard is scheduled to be replaced this summer and the width is perfect for rowers to access the Manatee River. Bradenton Christian School has also shown interest in a rowing program. A meeting will be held with principals from all the public schools. [BC20110208DOC039](#)

CORTEZ BRIDGE

Ms. Whitmore noted the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) released a Planning Design and Engineering study (PD&E) to replace the Cortez Bridge. The bridge cannot be

replaced with a fixed span because there is not enough area for the needed grade length. She requested MPO members try to remove it from the work program.

Discussion: Previous PD&E study; ask FDOT to bring back results from the last effort; would destroy historical Cortez Village; is bridge structurally deficient; two separate projects rehabilitation in 2012 and PD&E study; bridge built in 1951; drawbridge; fixed span saves money; etc.

Motion was made by Mr. McClash to request FDOT present the plans for the Cortez Bridge including the rehabilitation, as well as any possible plans for a PD&E or other. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chappie and carried 7 to 0.

Discussion: Staff inform FDOT of Board's position; Anna Maria Bridge should also be addressed; place on deficiency status; stop fixed span replacement for Cortez; history of bridge; etc.

[BC20110208DOC041](#)

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS (continued)

Sports Facilities

Mr. Chappie will be touring the County's sports facilities with Sports Commissioner Joe Pickett and staff, to discuss the facilities, opportunities, and revenue.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Hurricane Preparedness

Mr. Chappie met with the Island Mayors and Janie Slater of the Red Cross, to implement a pilot program "AM I Ready" on hurricane preparedness.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Association Meetings

Mr. Chappie attended a meeting at Key Royale to discuss District 3 issues.

Mr. Chappie discussed a grant for a Neal Preserve boardwalk with the Perico Homeowner's Association. The expansion of Port Manatee with seagrass mitigation was discussed, and redirected funds from the Port may be used for Perico Island projects.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Norma Lloyd Park

Mr. Chappie questioned the status of the Park. Mr. Hunzeker stated that an item will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Dredging Jewfish Key

Mr. Chappie noted the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) was unable to negotiate an agreement with the Coral Shores dredge project, so the Army Corps of Engineers will fund and begin the project in early spring.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Resource Center

Mr. Gallen attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kelly-Brown Resource Center for after-school child care.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

17th Street, Palmetto

Mr. Gallen commented that the construction is almost complete.

Discussion: Plan ribbon cutting ceremony upon completion; etc.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Lakewood Ranch First Night

Mrs. Hayes reported there was a huge turnout at the event held the first Friday of the month at Lakewood Ranch Town Center. Many tourists are attending the event.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Health Care Clinic

Mrs. Hayes attended the opening of the therapeutic clinic at Cooper Creek.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Public Safety Council

Mrs. Hayes noted there are no guidelines for appointments or term limits.

Mr. Bustle responded that there are established appointments and term limits by Statute. The Council made the decision not to add any new members, and all positions are filled at this time.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Downtown County Buildings

Mrs. Hayes toured the buildings and recommended the rest of the Board see them in person.

[BC20110208DOC039](#)

Gambling Operations

Mr. Williams addressed a complaint regarding County gambling operations. There is an internet café gaming operation court case in Seminole County where a Federal Court has issued a temporary restraining order against the gaming Ordinance. The final judgment will be issued next week. He questioned if the Board would like an Ordinance drafted to prohibit the gaming.

Discussion: Bingo; sports betting; gaming arcades; State Statute; cash winnings; need more information; media coverage; bring back on agenda; etc.

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Noise Ordinance

Mr. Williams noted Board approval on today's Agenda to participate in an appeal by the State Attorney's Office. The County Court struck down the County's Noise Ordinance saying it is unconstitutional. The Ordinance had previously been ruled constitutional by a Circuit Judge, so it is the County Attorney's stance that the County Court has made a mistake. A Motion for Rehearing will be filed. If it is not corrected, an Appeal will be filed.

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Personnel Reorganization

Ms. Whitmore commended Mr. Hunzeker on his reorganization and consolidation of County Departments.

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 3:59 p.m.
/vj/mh

Minutes Approved: March 15, 2011