

## AUGUST 2, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met with the COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS in REGULAR SESSION at the City of Bradenton Auditorium, 101 Main Street, Bradenton, Florida, at 4:02 p.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 Director,  
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

### AGENDA

Agenda of August 2, 2011, and sign-in sheets.

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### REGIONAL BUSINESS PLAN FOR TAMPA BAY

**Stuart L. Rogel**, President and CEO of the Tampa Bay Partnership, narrated a slide presentation regarding a regional business plan to develop jobs and address the work force of the future, in the eight counties of the Tampa Bay region. The Partnership consists of businesses and economic development organizations. He spoke of advancing economic development, and the regional business plan and how it will benefit Manatee County. The Tampa Bay Partnership is the fourteenth largest U.S. media market. He noted issues addressed since being formed in 1994 and discussed funding for transportation, ample water supply, strong educational institutions, and resources to grow. Solutions are being sought in order to be leaders for regional prosperity by preparing future jobs and bringing back the economy.

Mr. Rogel discussed the business plan phases, and changes experienced in the area. He discussed a scorecard for the area in economic development. The ranking has dropped from second to fifth overall due to challenges in employment, and income and productivity. He advised that 25 percent of the Florida House and Senate are from the Tampa Bay area. Four major missions are: a vision for regional prosperity; a blueprint for economic development; a transportation strategy to support regional transit; and a broader advocacy and leadership model. The Economic Development Administration and Work Force Boards provided funding for The Stanford Research Institute study, which was provided to the counties in the region. Individual county reports have been created for target sectors for economic development. Health care facilities, tourist attractions, and the IMG Academies are destinations that can be connected to area business opportunities. He discussed foundational and workforce recommendations, the implementation structure, and where the region is headed. A draft Resolution of Support, Tampa Bay Regional Business Plan was distributed.

Discussion: Government trend to remove regulatory barriers that inhibit target clusters; focus on quality of life; need Statewide guiding principles; serve needs of businesses that create jobs; guide for municipalities; have legal review of Resolution; input from all city commissions; etc.

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**NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

Rick Piccolo, Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority, utilized a slide presentation, discussed that the Airport is located in two counties, and the history of the noise abatement program. A noise compatibility study, implementations, and noise exposure maps were addressed. Twelve microphones are located on the runway approach to monitor aircraft noise, ensure compliance, and update the noise exposure maps. Curfew hours and noise barriers are in place, and Stage II jet aircraft have been phased out. New fuel efficient and quieter Stage III jet aircraft now service the airport. Land use and zoning regulations were discussed. The use of sky lanterns is a danger to aircraft and fuel farms, and an ordinance is recommended to prohibit them.

Discussion: Sky lanterns are a type of candle that floats in the air and can create fires; wire in lanterns is a danger to aircraft engines; takeoff procedures already established for aircraft; etc.

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**FERTILIZER ORDINANCE**

Maureen Sikora, Deputy County Attorney, provided a handout and spoke of the recently enacted Ordinance that restricts fertilizer use. The Ordinance contains a provision to make it effective within the municipalities with no conflicting ordinance. The recommendations may become a requirement for the County's stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. There is a one-year implementation period to allow already-purchased fertilizer to be used. Educational materials will be supplied to retailers for customers. The Ordinance applies only to the use of fertilizer, not the sale, and has guidelines for the type of fertilizer to be used. The Ordinance also requires training for those in the lawn maintenance industry, including County staff. City Code Enforcement staff will be involved in enforcement, and violation recommendations will be provided. The Agriculture Department will provide staff training.

Discussion: Some cities have ordinances and citation procedures; how to tell if the wrong fertilizer has been used; no citations will be issued for one year; goal is health of water bodies; educate how to fertilize effectively; encourage cities to work with County; small cities with other concerns for local Code Enforcement; County should enforce; ball fields are exempt; complaint driven enforcement; must witness violation; education needed; notification in stores; etc.

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**MARINE RESCUE BUILDING - UPDATE**

Jay Moyles, Public Safety Department, expressed appreciation for the new building that houses training, storage, and docking facilities. The building is two-story and houses the Public Safety Marine Rescue Division and offices for the Sheriff. There are training rooms, showers, and locker room facilities. The building has five bays to house the fleet, heat reflective glass, ample spray foam insulation for temperature control, and concrete floors for easy maintenance. An open house/dedication ceremony will be held on August 15th. He thanked the many people and departments involved for acquiring the land, and building and equipping the facility.

Discussion: Lifeguards; lift station; old building was very small; suggest naming facility after Dave Miller who was a lifeguard for many years; docking facility allows rapid response for the boats to the inter-coastal waterway and the gulf; etc.

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**GREEN GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION**

Brenda Rogers, Community Services Director, provided a flyer on the Manatee County Agriculture & Extension Service, and commented on being awarded a Silver Level, Certified Green Local Government. She offered assistance to municipalities to pursue green certification through the Florida Green Building Coalition. Partners are part of the standards, and the County gained input from Constitutional Officers, School Board Administration, power companies, and others. Most criteria such as energy savings, water conservation, fleet management, and environmental aspects required a public education component that was addressed by the Extension Office. The County is aspiring to obtain Gold for next year's certification.

Dr. Marina D'Abreau, Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service Manager, noted the Extension Office offers many resources, is located at the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto, and is deeply integrated with the County, local municipalities, and the University of Florida to gather and share resources.

Discussion: Green business certification program through the Chamber of Commerce; opportunity for many local green businesses; City of Bradenton solar energy; etc.

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Nicholas Azzara, Information Outreach Coordinator, presented a legislative update and discussed budget issues, cutbacks, redistricting, and priorities. The main concerns include opposing offshore drilling, supporting Technical Institute funding, remote vendor taxation, the Port Connector Road, and Library Funding. He referred to a list of the Manasota League of Cities priorities, which included the repeal of the Septic Tank Inspection regulation requirements, and discussed Basin Board structures, guiding principles for growth and the Red Light Camera Bill.

Discussion: Basin Board needs to be addressed early and at committee level; no time after Legislature is in session; September 8 Manasota League of Cities meeting will review Legislative items and present update on how to lobby; etc.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adj: 5:43 p.m.  
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Minutes Approved: September 1, 2011