

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
January 8, 2025**

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCULgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

George Kruse, Chairman, District 7
Dr. Bob McCann, First Vice-Chairman, District 5
Tal Siddique, Second Vice-Chairman District 3
Carol Ann Felts, District 1, Third Carol Ann Felts, District 1
Amanda Ballard, District 2
Jason Bearden, District 6
Mike Rahn, District 4

Present were:

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator
Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney
Vicki Tessmer, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Kruse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Missy Parameter, Community Impact Pastor, Oasis Church, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chris Kopp, Deputy Director of Human Resources and Marine Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA




- Agenda Update Memorandum 1 (dated 1/2/2025): BC20250108DOC001
BC20250108DOC002
- Item 10, Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-025 - Updated with a revised Budget Amendment Resolution;
 - Citizen Comments - Updated to include written correspondence from Glen Gibellina;
 - Item 49, Update to County Telework and Travel Policy - Deleted from Agenda BC20250108DOC003
 - Item 50, Commissioner Aide Contract Resolution Discussion - Deleted from Agenda BC20250108DOC004
- Agenda Update Memorandum 2 (dated 1/6/2025): BC20250108DOC005
- Item 1, Presentation of the Employee of the Year, and adoption of Proclamation designating Yesenia Alves Day - Updated to include the proclamation
 - Item 4, Approval of Emergency Funding Agreement with Keep Manatee Beautiful; and adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25*035 - Moved from the Consent Agenda to Regular, and revised as follows (strikethrough/underline format):
 - Revised Title - ~~Approval of Emergency Funding Agreement between Manatee County Government and Keep Manatee Beautiful~~; and adoption of ~~Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-035 to Execution of Emergency Funding Agreement between Manatee County Government and Keep Manatee Beautiful~~ and adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-035
 - Revised Motion - ~~Approval of emergency funding in the amount of \$25,000 between Manatee County Government and Keep Manatee Beautiful for costs associated with clean up from Hurricanes Helene and Milton~~; Authorization for the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the Emergency Funding Agreement between Manatee County Government and Keep Manatee Beautiful for costs associated with clean up from Hurricanes Helene and Milton; and

adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-035, amending the annual budget for Manatee County, for FY2025

- Item 5, Approval to purchase door and window locks, door alarms, and water surface alarms in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from Manatee County’s Children’s Services Millage for the prevention of child drowning – Moved from Consent Agenda to Regular
- Item 26, Execution of Change Order 1 to Purchase Order P2200444 for six Braun Chief XL Ford F550 Ambulances – Revised as follows (in strikethrough/underline format):
 - Title – ~~Execution of~~ Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order for Change Order 1 to Purchase Order P2200444 for six Braun Chief XL Ford F550 Ambulances; and
 - Motion – Authorize the Purchasing Official, or designee, to ~~execute~~ issue a Purchase Order for Change Order 1 to Purchase Order P2200444 with Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc., authorizing an additional \$41,694 for additional Equipment. This purchase utilizes the Florida Sheriff’s Association (FSA) Contract FSA20-VEF14.01
- Item 41, Adoption of Resolution R-24-216, approving the Interlocal Agreement relating to a Subarea Apportionment Plan with Sarasota County – Deleted from the Agenda BC20250108DOC006
- Item 42, Adoption of Resolution R-25-003, regarding the Infrastructure Sales Tax to add one project and remove one project to the Parks and Community Facilities Category – Environmental Preserves and Boat Ramps; and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-027 – Updated with a revised motion: I move to continue Resolution R-24-003, and Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-027 to January 14, 2025
- Item 52, Confirmation of Appointment of the Director of Governmental Relation – Added to the agenda
- Item 51, Adoption of Resolution R-25-006, approving a temporary employment of Commissioner Aides – Added to the agenda
- Item 47, Seafood Shack and Marina Acquisition Update – Updated to remove the location map
Agenda Update Memorandum 2 (dated 1/7/2025): BC20250108DOC007
- Item 53, Approval of 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities and Appropriations Requests – Added to the agenda
- Item 25, Execution of Change Order 1 to Agreement No. 23-TA0045826CD for Professional Transportation Engineering Services for Lorraine Road Project (from South of 59th Circle/Avenue East to S.R. 64 Roundabout) – Updated with correct Change Order 1 to Agreement 23-TA0045826CD
- Citizen Comments – Updated with written correspondence
- Item 44, Adoption of Ordinance 25-07, regarding Sports and Leisure Services; relating to the amendment of requirements of membership for the Library Advisory Board; grants and payments of money received by the Library Advisory Board - Updated with the final version of Ordinance 25-07
- Item 4, Execution of Emergency Funding Agreement between Manatee County Government and Keep Manatee Beautiful; and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-035 - Updated with Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-035
- Item 48, Approval of 2025 Board of County Commissioners Committee Assignments - Updated with Final 2025 BOCC Committee Assignments List

AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 7-0 to adopt the following Proclamation:

1.  Presentation of the 2024 Employee of the Year and Adoption of Proclamation Designating "Yesenia Alves Day".

BC20250108DOC008

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, recognized Lee DePalo, Community and Veterans Services Director, on his service to Manatee County. Mr. DePalo’s last day is January 10, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2.  Danny Alfonso, Fair Manager, Patrick Bryant, Fair President, and Members of the Board of Directors extended an invitation to Manatee County residents to attend the 2025 Manatee County Fair, occurring January 16-26, 2025. BC20250108DOC009

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Chairman Kruse pulled Item 10.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Consent Agenda Only)

There being no citizen comments, Chairman Kruse closed citizen comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bearden and seconded by Commissioner Siddique to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes incorporated in the Agenda Update Memorandum, with the deletion of Item 10 (separate action). The motion carried 7-0.

3. **CLERKS CONSENT**

BC20250108DOC010

A. **WARRANT LISTING**

Accepted the Warrant (Check) Listing for the Month of November 2024, issued by the Finance Department BC20250108DOC011

B. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of December 12, 2024

C. **REFUNDS**

Approved the following refunds:

- 1. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. – Planning Overage, \$3,000 BC20250108DOC012
- 2. CPH Corporation – Pre-Application, \$1,500 BC20250108DOC013
- 3. Insurance Reconstruction Services LLC – Multiple Fees, \$1,081.57 BC20250108DOC014
- 4. Douglas Knight – Planning Overage Fee, \$1,500 BC20250108DOC015
- 5. Levelup Consulting LLC – Pre-Application, \$1,500 BC20250108DOC016
- 6. Manatee County Logistics Owner LLC, Transportation Impact Fees, \$250,002.74 BC20250108DOC017
- 7. Melanie Leigh Ramirez – Certified Lot(s), \$2,000 BC20250108DOC018

D. **REPORTS**

Accepted:

- 1. Mandarin Grove Community Development District (CDD) – Annual Financial Audit Report for FY ended September 30, 2023 BC20250108DOC019
- 2. Stonegate Preserve CDD - Annual Financial Audit Report for FY ended September 30, 2023 BC20250108DOC020
- 3. Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority- Board Meeting Dates for 2025 BC20250108DOC021

E. **BONDS**

Accepted the following:

- 1. Crosswind Ranch, Phase IB
 - Released and returned Surety Bonds (Performance) 5763525, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Improvements for Private Subdivision, \$2,229,607.17;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond (Defect) 5763534, securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Public Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 20, 2024, securing public infrastructure improvements, \$92,794.58; and
 - Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC022
- 2. Jackson Crossing, Phase I
 - Released Agreement in conjunction with Surety Bond 70NGP184996, (Attachment “A”) as Defect Security Warranting Required Improvement, securing public infrastructure improvements, \$102,864.54; and

- Released and returned Surety Bond 70NGP184996 (Defect) and any associated riders, \$102,864.54 BC20250108DOC023
- 3. Lakewood Centre Parcel Y, Amber Creek Townhomes
 - Released and returned Surety Bonds (Performance) 5763515, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Improvements for Private Subdivision, \$2,065,228.56;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond (Defect) 5763556, securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Public Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 11, 2024, securing public infrastructure improvements, \$109,736.28; and
 - Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC024
- 4. Parrish Lakes, Phase IIB-1
 - Released and returned Surety Bonds (Performance) 0261793, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Subdivision, \$3,062,011.45;
 - Released and returned Surety Bonds (Performance) 0261792, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Subdivision, \$1,542,875.10;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond (Defect) 0263630, securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on September 24, 2024, securing public infrastructure improvements, \$219,428.43; and
 - Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC025
- 5. Parrish Lakes, Phase IC-1
 - Released and returned Surety Bond (Performance) 0261754, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Subdivision, \$4,441,965.45;
 - Released and returned Surety Bond (Performance) 0261778, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Subdivision, \$507,578.50;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond (Defect) 0264634, securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 13, 2024, securing public infrastructure, \$304,782.65;
 - Accepted and executed Surety Bond (Defect) 02646345, securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 13, 2024, securing public infrastructure, \$39,044.50; and
 - Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC026
- 6. Project Woodworking
 - Accepted and executed Agreement in Conjunction with Surety Bond 108129947, (Attachment “A”) as Defect Security Required Improvements, securing final lift of asphalt, road construction, storm drainage, and sanitary sewer and water distribution improvements, \$787,669.45; and
 - Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC027
- 7. Prosperity Lakes Phase IIB-2
 - Released and returned Letter of Credit (Performance) FGAC-24434, and any associated riders in conjunction with the performance portion of the Agreement for Public Subdivision, \$993,816.59;
 - Accepted and executed Letter of Credit (Defect) FGAC-24645, securing Section 1.5 “Maintenance, Defects” of the Agreement for Private Subdivision with Public Improvements accepted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 13, 2024, securing public infrastructure, \$67,342.75;

- Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC028
- 8. The River Preserve fka Cross Creek South, Phase IIB
 - Accepted and executed Agreement in Conjunction with Surety Bond, 3304140 (Attachment "A") as Defect Security Required Improvements, securing sanitary sewer and water distribution improvements, \$373,487.88; and
 - Accepted and executed Bill of Sale BC20250108DOC029
- F. **SCRIVENER ERROR**
 - Adopt corrected Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-108, originally approved on November 12, 2024, transferring funds from the Manatee County Public Library Fund with Community and Veterans Services Department to the Manatee County Public Library fund within the Sports and Leisure Department inadvertently being \$11,095,665 where it should have been \$11,095,655. BC20250108DOC030
- G. **PARTIAL RELEASE OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT LIEN**
 1. Project 5289 – 17th Street East Road Project, 38 Special Enterprises LLC BC20250108DOC031
- H. **CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Accepted the following Certificates of Liability Insurance

 1. Waste Pro, USA, Inc. BC20250108DOC032
 2. Waste Management Holdings, Inc. BC20250108DOC033
- 53. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Approved the 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities and Appropriations Requests BC20250108DOC034
- 6. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/AGREEMENT**

Executed Amendment 001 to the State FY 24/25 Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Grant Agreement HCE-24/25-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc., and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-030 BC20250108DOC035
- 7. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/AGREEMENT**

Executed Amendment 001 to the State FY 24/25 Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Grant Agreement CCE-24/25-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc., and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-029 BC20250108DOC036
- 8. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES**

Executed Amendment 001 to the State FY 24/25 Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) Grant Agreement ADI-24/25-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc.; and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-028 BC20250108DOC037
- 9. **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Executed Interlocal Agreement with City of Bradenton Beach for Bridge Street Pier Dock Repairs; and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-036 Hodges BC20250108DOC038
- 11. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
 - Authorized to allocate Additional Departmental Budgeted Funding to Agreement 22-R078497SB for Landscape Maintenance Services BC20250108DOC039
- 12. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/MATERIALS AND SERVICES**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Blanket Purchase Order to H2 Enviro Solutions, LLC, for Chemical Storage and Dosing Systems for the Water/Wastewater Division BC20250108DOC040

13. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Blanket Purchase Order Agreement to Southern Computer Warehouse Inc. for HP computer equipment, peripherals, and related services on an “as needed” basis
BC20250108DOC041
14. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/MATERIALS AND SERVICES**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Purchase Order to Power Plus, for eight Atlas Copco Generators in the not-to-exceed amount of \$534,410 utilizing the Sourcwell Contract 020923-PWT
BC20250108DOC042
15. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/MATERIALS AND SERVICES**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Purchase Order to Ovivo USA, LLC, to perform clarifier rebuild services located at the Southeast Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$297,644
BC20250108DOC043
16. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/MATERIALS AND SERVICES**
Authorize the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Purchase Order to Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., for three (3) Chevrolet Arboc Spirit of Freedom Transit Buses in the not-to-exceed amount of \$541,087.98 utilizing the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Contract No. Trips-22-CA-MB-LF-Model 1
BC20250108DOC044
17. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
- Authorized the submission of the US DOT RAISE Gateway Greenway Program grant proposal for \$15 million; and
 - Authorized the Chairman, the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, the Directors of Natural Resources and Public Works, any of their designees, and the Senior Grants Manager to execute all necessary subsequent documents related to the grant submission
BC20250108DOC045
18. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
- Authorization for the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 24-TA005379CD for Guaranteed Energy, Water, and Wastewater Performance Savings Contract for LED Sports Lighting Systems with Honeywell International Inc., for a cost of \$243,954.00 for a revised total contract cost of \$17,155,457 with no changes to the construction schedule; and
 - Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-033, amending the annual budget for Manatee County, FL, for fiscal year 2025. This budget amendment adjusts the FY25-29 CIP
BC20250108DOC046
19. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorization for the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Amendment 4 to the Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the ASTRO 25 Cyber Security System
BC20250108DOC047
20. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Agreement 24-TA005431DJ for Geotechnical Engineering, Soils, and Materials Testing Services for Harbor Hills, Tangelo Park, and Winter Garden to Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$759,659.67
BC20250108DOC048
21. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Agreement 24-TA005521JK, Southwest Service Area D Force Main Replacements, and accept and date the Public Construction Bond, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder: Harris-McBurney Company, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,713,641.88 based on a construction completion of 330 calendar days
BC20250108DOC049

22. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

- Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Agreement 24-R084167JH for Professional Design Services for Trailer Estates Gravity Sewer Replacement and Roadway Project to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,625,206.76; and
- Adopted Budget Resolution B-25-034, amending the annual budget for Manatee County, FL, for fiscal year 2025 This budget amendment adjusts the FY25-29 CIP BC20250108DOC050

23. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Agreement 23-TA004524ED for Satellite Lift Station R&R 2023 Group 1 with DeJonge Excavating Contractors, Inc. authorizing an additional 241 calendar days to the construction schedule for a substantial completion date of November 24, 2024 BC20250108DOC051

24. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Agreement 23-TA004807DJ with Accurate Drilling Systems, Inc., authorizing an additional 60 days to the construction schedule BC20250108DOC052

25. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Agreement 23-TA004826CD for Professional Transportation Engineering Services for Lorraine Road Project (from south of 59th Circle/Avenue East to S.R. 64 Roundabout) with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of \$499,998.50 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$3,302,048.50 BC20250108DOC053

26. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorize the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Purchase Order for Change Order 1 to Purchase Order P2200444 with Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Inc. authorizing an additional \$41,694.00 for additional equipment. This purchase utilizes the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) Contract FSA20-VEF14.01 BC20250108DOC054

27. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Work Assignment 5 to Agreement 22-R079156SB with Tetra Tech, Inc., for Debris Monitoring and Disaster Planning Services related to Hurricane Milton in the amount of \$4,788,830.00, for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$4,798,830 BC20250108DOC055

28. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Work Assignment 51 to Agreement 17-0523JE with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., authorizing an additional amount of \$226,194.90 for the WTP Sedimentation Basin Sludge Collection Upgrade, Basin C project BC20250108DOC056

29. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 2 to Agreement No. 23-TA004589CD for Professional Utility Engineering Design Services for Buffalo Creek Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Project with McKim & Creed, Inc. in the amount of \$998,270.57 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$2,533,852.36 BC20250108DOC057

30. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 2 to Agreement 21-TA003788AJ for Satellite Lift Station R&R Colony Cove 6 and Memphis Road authorizing an additional \$121,123.00 to the contract amount BC20250108DOC058

31. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 8 to Work Assignment 4 to Agreement 17-0523JE with Ayres Associates, Inc., authorizing an additional amount of \$4,100 for a revised not-to-exceed total of \$596,022.15 for the Fogarty's Subdivision Potable Water Renewal Replacement project; and Change Order 9 to Work Assignment 4 to Agreement 17-0523JE authorizing an additional amount of \$8,600.00 for a revised not-to-exceed total of \$604,622.15 for the Cortez Gardens Potable Water Renewal Replacement Project

BC20250108DOC059

32. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized the Chairperson, or designee, to execute the Ninth Amendment to the Golf Course Management Agreement between Manatee County and Fusion Golf Partners, LLC

BC20250108DOC060

33. **HUMAN RESOURCES/POLICY**

Approved the Leaves of Absence Policy Update

BC20250108DOC061

34. **NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT**

Executed of grant agreement 25ME2 between Manatee County and Florida Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$325,000 and approval for the County Administrator to sign any non-monetary amendments

BC20250108DOC062

35. **NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT**

Execution of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Grant Agreement 24037 and approval for the County Administrator to sign all non-monetary amendments

BC20250108DOC063

36. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

Accepted and authorized recording of a Warranty Deed from Neal Signature Homes, LLC for property located at 9400 9th Avenue Northwest, Bradenton

BC20250108DOC064

37. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

Accepted Permanent Utilities Easement from Terry L. McGrath (includes Lender's Acknowledgement from Valon Mortgage, Inc.) for Parcel 101.09, for property located at 4418 York Drive, Bradenton

BC20250108DOC065

38. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

Accepted a Permanent Easement from VK Trevesta LLC (Parcels S2-8A, S2-8B and S2-12) for properties located at Buffalo Road, Palmetto

BC20250108DOC066

39. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

Accepted a Warranty Deed and Temporary Construction Easement from Arrow Realty for property located at 3102 63rd Avenue East, Bradenton

BC20250108DOC067

40. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT**

Executed the Proportionate Share Mitigation Agreement with HC Properties, LLC, for Satisfaction of Transportation Concurrency

BC20250108DOC068

(End Consent Agenda)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Future Agenda Items Only)


BC20250108DOC069



Andra Griffin expressed concern regarding the animal shelter, the need for homeless shelters, and property taxes.

John Taylor expressed concern regarding a moratorium on development and development around Lorraine Road.


Glen Gibellina suggested a moratorium on building, submitted information regarding concurrency, Sadowski funds (Documentary Stamps), and design costs of the animal shelter.

 Charlene Kow expressed concern regarding radioactive material being used for road construction.

Dalton Nelson expressed concern regarding future development, and the need for providing services to all residents especially in Parrish.

There being no further citizen comments, Chairman Kruse closed citizen comments.

Discussion ensued regarding water conservation and leaking sprinklers in medians, homeless veterans needing shelter in the cold, funding is given to multiple organizations who assist veterans, but it is unknown how much of the funding is dedicated to housing, implemented a program to offer transportation to veterans for medical appointments, the need to lower taxes in the County, and the Academy is an excellent program.

 Commissioner Ballard stated the Academy is looking into re-opening the Courthouse Café.

ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS


There were no comments.


ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

10. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

Discussion ensued regarding Item 10 on the Budget Amendment related to the conservation land referendum, using the funds to purchase maintenance equipment, and 100 percent of the millage should be used for purchasing property.

Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Director, explained the utility trailer has a lift, to pull behind a truck. The referendum was written to include using the millage to maintain newly acquired properties, and there was a decision to use some of the referendum funds for maintenance in existing preserves. The Board can make a decision regarding using the funds for maintenance purposes. Invasive species on the lands can hinder the function of the property and its use as conservation land.

 Discussion continued regarding getting funding and using matching grants for maintenance, \$5.7 million is being used for staff support and debt service, \$30 million has been used to purchase lands, prior to the referendum, the general fund was being used to purchase conservation lands, citizens may not have been aware that funds were being used for things other than purchasing land, Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Committee (ELMAC) is looking at purchasing larger tracts, there is necessary maintenance that must occur, Natural Resources Department should be involved in the development process, money has not been provided by the Board for conservation lands, need a work session or future discussion regarding the improvement and management of the lands, allow citizens to enjoy the lands, and specific funds (millage) are used for specific purposes. Sheila McLean, Chief Financial Officer, clarified there are other funding programs in Natural Resources that could be utilized.

 Discussion ensued regarding ELMAC's representation, fiscally conservative Board, and it is necessary to maintain environmental lands.

A motion was made by Commissioner Siddique, seconded by Chairman Kruse, and carried 7-0, to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-025, removing item 10.

Ms. McLean suggested changing the funding source in Item 10 to the General Fund.

Pamela D’Agostino, County Attorney, suggested allowing staff to prepare the revised Budget Amendment, then making a motion.


Commissioner Siddique rescinded his motion.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 10:37 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Bearden.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard and seconded by Commissioner Rahn, to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-025, revising item 10, and changing the funding source to the General Fund.


Glen Gibellina expressed concern over the use of the referendum funds.

Jennifer Huffman, Keep Manatee Beautiful, explained the need to restore and maintain conservation lands.

 James Dexter thanked the Board for their integrity in spending public dollars.

(Enter Commissioner Bearden)

 Charlene Kow supported the motion.

 Mark Vanderee expressed concern regarding the possibility of using environmental funds for other uses, but agrees there needs to be a maintenance program.

Dalton Nelson appreciates the direction the Board is taking, and being stewards of taxpayer money.

 Bryce Claypool agreed with the need to conserve land.

There being no further public comments, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

Discussion ensued that there has been a considerable amount of land purchased, and public access can be as simple as just having trails.

 The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. McLean, noted there are funds available in the Natural Resources Department budget.


BC20250108DOC070

46. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/NORTH RIVER RANCH**

There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, and seconded by Commissioner Siddique to Authorization for the Chairperson to sign a Letter of No Objection to be sent to Representative Will Robinson.

Discussion ensued regarding why this letter is needed, disagreeing with the process, and appreciating the need for the letter as a legislative process.

 Lindsey Whalen, North River Ranch, explained the District was created by the Legislature, and the local jurisdiction is required to say the change is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. This is a formality, and the Legislation requires the verbiage that there is no objection. Signing the letter does not mean the Board is approving the amendment.

The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner McCann voting nay.

BC20250108DOC071

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (Presentations Upon Request)

42. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/RESOLUTION**

A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Resolution R-25-003, regarding the Infrastructure Sales Tax to add one project and remove one project to the Parks and Community Facilities Category - Environmental Preserves and Boat Ramps.

There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.


A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, seconded by Commissioner Siddique, and carried 7-0, to continue Item 42 to January 14, 2025.

BC20250108DOC072

43. **PUBLIC WORKS/GRANTS**

A duly advertised public hearing was held for the Notice of Intent to Seek Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Funding, and Authorization and Submission of the Rebuild Florida Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP) Application for the Manatee County Myakka Yard Rural Public Works Generator Grant Award.


Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, noted this is a grant request.

 There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Siddique, and carried 7-0, to Authorize the submission of the Rebuild Florida Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP) Application for \$203,820; and Authorize the Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Public Works Department Director or his designees, and the Senior Grants Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the grant submission.

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44. **SPORTS AND LEISURE SERVICES/ORDINANCE**


 A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 25-07, regarding Sports and Leisure Services; relating to the amendment of requirements of membership for the Library Advisory Board; grants and payments of money received by the Library Advisory Board.


There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.


A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, and seconded by Commissioner Bearden to adopt Ordinance 25-07. The motion carried 7-0.

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45. **ADMINISTRATOR/MEETING SCHEDULE**

 Discussion ensued regarding the number of meetings, and meetings are back-to-back due to the trip to Tallahassee.

 Andra Griffin questioned if the public is allowed to attend the legislative day on February 19.

 There being no further public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

Discussion continued that anyone is allowed to attend events in Tallahassee, but the Florida Association of Counties is a private organization.

 A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, and seconded by Commissioner Rahn, and carried 7-0, to approve the revised 2025 Board of County Commissioners meeting schedule. BC20250108DOC075

52. **ADMINISTRATOR/GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

 Courtney DePol, Deputy County Administrator, welcomed Stephanie Garrison as the Director of Governmental Relations, and reviewed her resume.

Ms. Garrison, expressed her gratitude to work for Manatee County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn and seconded by Commissioner Ballard to confirm the appoint of Stephanie Garrison as Director of Governmental Relations.

There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.


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4. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/AGREEMENT**

Denise Riley, Community and Veterans Services, reviewed the request, and noted there were no funds designated for Hurricane Clean up, of \$25,000.


Discussion ensued regarding getting reimbursed from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.


Jennifer Huffman, Keep Manatee Beautiful, thanked the volunteers who helped with beach cleanup.

 There being no further public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 7-0, to authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute the Emergency Funding Agreement between Manatee County Government and Keep Manatee Beautiful for costs associated with clean up from Hurricanes Helene and Milton; and adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-25-035, amending the annual budget for Manatee County, for FY2025. BC20250108DOC077


5. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/MATERIALS AND SERVICES**


 Kristi Hagen, Children’s Services Coordinator, was available for questions.

 There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, seconded by Commissioner Rahn, and carried 7-0 to approve the purchase of door and window locks, door alarms, and water surface alarms in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from Manatee County's Children's Services millage for the prevention of child drowning. BC20250108DOC078

51. **HUMAN RESOURCES/RESOLUTION**

 Kate Barnett, Human Resources Director, noted the resolution to update the use of Commissioner Aides, and to term the contract to coincide with the Commissioner’s term. The aides will receive the same benefits as full-time employees.


 Discussion ensued regarding the aides being eligible for Florida Retirement Services benefits.

There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.


A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 7-0, to Adopt Resolution R-25-006, approving the temporary employment of Commissioner Aides.

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47. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/SEAFOOD SHACK**

 Charlies Meador, Property Management, explained the closing for the Seafood Shack property took place on December 31, 2024.

Brian Purnell, Deputy County Administrator, recognized the Property Management Division, on their work in acquiring the property.

 Discussion ensued regarding adding another boat ramp, concerns from citizens on the design, hold a public work shop, working with Florida Department of Transportation on design of roads, parking, needing a clear vision, have ferry access to Bridge Street from the property, possibility of having an area to fish on the site, status of the existing leases on the property, keep businesses open that have a positive impact on the community, noise and safety mitigation to protect residents, and concern with the County operating a marina.

Mr. Purnell explained the plan is currently for a public boat ramp, and there are no current leases. There was extensive damage to the property after the hurricanes, and the property will be secure. The Sheriff is open to using the property as well.

Discussion continued regarding working with the former businesses that had leases on the property, need better amenities at boat ramps, accessibility, several boat-slip leases, and do everything possible to keep the lease for Annie’s Bait and Tackle.

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COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEM

48. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – CHAIRMAN KRUSE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, and seconded by Commissioner Bearden to approve the 2025 Commissioner Committee Assignments.

 There being no public comment, Chairman Kruse closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS (Future agenda items)

Charlene Kow suggested County Staff provide an environmental specialist to weigh in on development.

There being no further comments, Chairman Kruse closed public comments.

Charlie Bishop, noted the Legislative priorities have been corrected.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Rahn

- Noted Manatee County was recognized for Public Safety data collection

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Kruse adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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