

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
March 3, 2026**

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


Present were:

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

District 1 seat is vacant

Present were:


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

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

### **INVOCATION**

 Pastor Michael Harrison, News Wine Worship Center, delivered the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 Ahmad Jimmerson, Veterans Services, led the Pledge of Allegiance, along with the presentation of the Colors.

### **AGENDA**

Agenda Update Memorandum 1 (2/24/26)

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- Item 40, Proclamation designating March 3, 2026, as the 100th Anniversary of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association – Added to the Agenda
- Item 12, Authorization to Allocate Additional Departmental Budgeted Funding to Agreement 25-R086424DJ Generator and Pump Preventative Maintenance and Repair for the Utilities Department – Updated to correct the presenter from Erik Gibson, Superintendent, to Patrick Shea, Utilities Director
- Item 31, Adoption of Resolution R-26-029, requesting the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization recommend the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners continue to serve as Designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Manatee County Service Area – Updated with a revised Title, Action Requested and Instructions to Board Records in strikethrough/underline format as follows:
  - Adoption of Resolution R-26-029, requesting Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization recommend the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners continue to serve as the Designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Manatee County Service Area, and Execution of the Memorandum of Agreement, Benita Zarr, Transit Operations Chief – Countywide
  - Adoption of Resolution R-26-029, requesting Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization recommended the Manatee County Board of County

Commissioners continue to serve as the Designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Manatee County Service Area; and Authorizing the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

- Please forward a certified signed copy of the Resolution, a draft copy of the minutes and two signed original MOAs to Benita Zarr, Transit Division Operations Chief, benita.zarr@mymanatee.org, (941) 747-8621 x7426

- Item 41, Strategic Plan Progress Update – Added to the Agenda

Agenda Update Memorandum 2 (2/25/26)

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- Item 1, Presentation of the Team Member of the Month for March 2026 – Deferred to April 7, 2026

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- Item 4, National Surveyors and Mappers Week – The Proclamation will be adopted, but not presented

- Item 43, Proclamation honoring Commissioner Carol Ann Felts – Added to the Agenda

- Item 37, Execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum to Agreement 26-TA006262DJ for Country Club East Baseball Fields project, and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-061 – Updated with public comments

- Item 42, Re-Naming Myakka City’s Crane Park in Honor of the late Commissioner Carol Ann Felts – Added to the Agenda

- Item 44, Rural Lands and Citizens’ Advisory Board – Added to the Agenda

Agenda Update Memorandum 3 (2/26/26)

BC20260303DOC005

- Item 2, 311 Day – The Proclamation will be adopted, but not presented

- Item 3, Proclamation designating March 2026 as Development Disability Awareness Month – Deferred to March 24, 2026

BC20260303DOC006

- Item 7, Approve Mortgage Modification increasing the Catalytic Loan amount with CASL for Legacy Village I by \$2,221,045, and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-057 – Moved to Regular Agenda for presentation and removal of Budget Resolution as an attachment. All references to the Budget Resolution have been removed from Cover Sheet in strikethrough/underline format

- Item 10, Adoption of Resolution R-26-033, Live Local Act Procedures – Revised Resolution R-26-033 in strikethrough/underline format

- Item 37, Execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum to Agreement 26-TA006262DJ for Country Club East Baseball Fields project, and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-061 – Updated presentation attached and updated with public comments

- Item 43, Re-Naming Myakka City’s Crane Park in Honor of the late Commissioner Carol Ann Felts – Updated with public comments

- Item 45, Public Memorial Service Honoring Commissioner Carol Ann Felts – Added to the Agenda

- Item 46, Notification of Vacancy in Office – County Commissioner Carol Ann Felts – Added to the Agenda

Agenda Update Memorandum 4 (2/27/26)

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- Generic Comments were updated with additional public comments

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- Item 15, Execution of Change Order 2 to Agreement 24-TA004989DJ for Lake Manatee Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation Basin C Sludge Collection Upgrade and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-055 – Updated to correct the Action Requested to read as follows: Authorization for the Chairman to execute Amendment 5 to Agreement 19-TA003008 for Neighborly Software-as-a-Service with Benevate LLC

- Item 16, Execution of Change Order 2 to Agreement 24-TA004989DJ for Lake Manatee Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation Basin C Sludge Collection Upgrade, and Adoption of


- Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-055 – Updated to correct Change Order 1 to Change Order 2 in the Action Requested
- Item 7, Authorizing CVS staff to prepare required documents to modify the current mortgage held with Community Assisted and Supported Living, Inc. (CASL) for the Legacy Village I Affordable Housing Project – Updated with attachment titled, 02-26-26 Mortgage Mod Req Legacy I and a public comment
- Item 41, Strategic Plan Update – Updated with an attachment titled, REV Strategic Plan Placement Final and a PowerPoint Presentation
- Item 36, Appointment of One Applicant to the Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Advisory Committee – Revised with an updated ELMAC Current Roster February 2026
- Item 37, Execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum to Agreement 26-TA006262DJ for Country Club East Baseball Fields project, and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-061 – Updated with public comments
- Item 38, Adoption of Resolution R-26-032, authorizing Implementation of the Pipeline Resiliency Project, Execution and Delivery of Florida State Revolving Fund Loan Application, and Acceptance of \$17,569,584.50 in Principal Forgiveness, \$17,569,584.50 in Zero Percent Interest Financing, and Pledging Utilities Revenues to the Project – Updated with a PowerPoint presentation
- Item 39, Proposed 12-Month Dementia Public Safety and Navigation Hub – Updated with public comment


Agenda Update Memorandum 5 (3/2/26)

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- Generic Comments were updated with additional public comments BC20260303DOC010
- Item 35, Bishop Animal Shelter, 5718 21st Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida – Updated with additional public comments
- Item 37, Execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum to Agreement 26-TA006262DJ for Country Club East Baseball Fields project; and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-061 – Updated with additional public comments
- Item 38, Adoption of Resolution R-26-032, authorizing Implementation of the Pipeline Resiliency Project, Execution and Delivery of Florida State Revolving Fund Loan Application, and Acceptance of \$17,569,584.50 in Principal Forgiveness, \$17,569,584.50 in Zero Percent Interest Financing, and Pledging Utilities Revenues to the Project – Updated with the Request for Legal Services


**TRIBUTE TO DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER CAROL ANN FELTS**

 A special tribute was held to honor the life, service, and legacy of District 1 Commissioner Carol Ann Felts.


 A County-produced video was shown in memory of Commissioner Felts <https://youtu.be/AXRUxdOyg9o>.


 Victoria Clauss sang Amazing Grace.


 On behalf of the City of Palmetto, Mayor Dan West read a Proclamation designating March 3, 2026, as Commissioner Carol Ann Felts Day, and presented it to her family.


 On behalf of the City of Bradenton, Mayor Gene Brown read a Proclamation designating March 3, 2026, as Commissioner Carol Ann Felts Day, and presented it to her family.

42. **PROCLAMATION – CAROL ANN FELTS**

 Commissioners shared in the reading of a Proclamation honoring the life, service, and legacy of Commissioner Carol Ann Felts and presented it to her family.


 The family of Commissioner Felts thanked everyone for their love and support honoring the memory of their mother.

 Commissioners each shared memories of Commissioner Felts and expressed their condolences.


 Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, shared memories of Commissioner Felts and expressed condolences to her family.

 Pamela D’Agostino, County Attorney, also shared memories of Commissioner Felts.


Motion to Adopt Proclamation

 A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and carried 6-0, to adopt a Proclamation honoring Commissioner Carol Ann Felts.


(Further action taken later in the meeting on the additional Proclamations) BC20260303DOC011

 Speaking on the memory of Commissioner Carol Ann Felts were Cindy Spray, School Board Chairman, Stacey Jessee, Carol Whitmore, Suzanne Park of the Florida Cracker Trail Association, Mike Meehan, Mike Harrison, Garrett Ramey, Sharyl Caruso, Andra Griffin, Glen Gibellina, Eddie Spier, Catherine Strongman, and Dalton Nelson by telephone.


**RECESS/RECONVENE:** 10:24 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. All Commissioners were present.

 Chairman Siddique expressed appreciation to community Officials for attending the special tribute to Commissioner Felts. A letter from Congressman Vern Buchanan expressing condolences on the passing of Commissioner Felts, was read by Chairman Siddique and presented to her family.


**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES TO THE AGENDA**

 Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, stated all updates were published with the online, revised Agenda.

43. **RE-NAMING MYAKKA CITY’S CRANE PARK IN HONOR OF COMMISSIONER CAROL ANN FELTS**

 Commissioner Ballard placed this item on the agenda to request re-naming the new section of Crane Park in Myakka City, as the Carol Ann Felts Preserve at David J. Crane Park, in honor of the late Commissioner Carol Ann Felts.

Chairman Siddique read the motion to direct staff to create the required fiscal impact statement, and to direct the County Attorney to review any legal considerations for renaming a section of Crane Park (13-acre addition) as The Carol Ann Felts Preserve at David J. Crane Park, and to bring a resolution to the Board for the renaming.


 The motion was moved by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Bearden.


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


The motion carried 6-0.

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44. **RURAL LANDS AND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD**


 Commissioner Ballard stated that one of the things Commissioner Felts had pushed for consistently prior to her election as a Commissioner, was the creation of a Rural Lands and Citizens' Advisory Board. She addressed this in a recent meeting (2/17/26), but Board action was not taken.

 Commissioner Ballard stated Commissioner Felts had been in conversation with her Aide and the County Attorney about what this Board should look like. She read notes by Commissioner Felts to recognize the importance of rural lands as part of Manatee County's historical and economic contribution, provide insight and advisement on issues that affect rural citizens, ensure communications, service and opportunities are provided in a respective manner that support various outside urban and suburban boundaries, and involve both large and small landowners in the future planning and preservation of these areas. She wanted to include full-time residents and landowners in any areas currently zoned A, A-1, or east of the FDAB (Future Development Area Boundary), some large land owners (FPL, Mozaic, John Falkner, TerraNova Equestrian Center), agritourism interests (Dakin Dairy Farm, Myakka Elephant Ranch, TerraNova Equestrian Center, Hunsader Farms, Gamble Creek Farms, Bunker Hill, Fiorelli Winery), professional representatives in land use, environmental or animal science, engineering, finance and economic development, community non-profit civic organizations, and three citizens who represent smaller landowners, or home-based, agriculturally-related businesses. She wanted the meetings held in rural areas, or by technical means, to allow citizens to attend these meetings, reporting to the County Commission quarterly, election of a Chair and secretary, and a County Commission Liaison must be from the district with the majority of land outside County-supplied water/sewer, or the FDAB Line.


 A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, that we direct staff and the County Attorney to work on the creation of this Board in furtherance of Commissioner Felts' wishes, and to continue additional civic engagement with people in our rural areas and agriculturally. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCann.

 Discussion ensued that a Rural Lands and Citizens' Advisory Board is needed having a central point of focus for the citizens of Manatee County.

 Heidi Minihkeim stated she worked with Commissioner Felts to keep lands rural and not moving the FDAB.

 Glen Gibellina spoke in support on the creation of a Rural Lands and Citizens' Advisory Board.


 Anthony Scuillo stated the Rural Lands and Citizens' Advisory Board is greatly needed.

 Discussion ensued regarding getting the right individuals to serve on the Advisory Board, community-minded individuals, getting thought-out citizen advice to structure and policy, there is a policy gap, every department could benefit from the insight/expertise, and the Advisory Board could offer recommendations to staff on what State Legislative issues the County should advocate.


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

 The motion carried 6-0. BC20260303DOC013

45. **PUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING COMMISSIONER CAROL ANN FELTS**

 Chairman Siddique pulled Item 45 to be combined with the dedication and ribbon cutting of The Carol Ann Felts Preserve at David J. Crane Park. BC20260303DOC014

**PROCLAMATIONS** (Continued)


 Chairman Siddique stated the motion made earlier in the meeting to adopt the Proclamation honoring Commissioner Felts, applies to the adoption of the following Proclamations:

- 2. Proclamation designating March 11, 2026, as 311 Day BC20260303DOC015
- 4. Proclamation designating March 15-21, 2026, as National Surveyors and Mappers Week BC20260303DOC016
- 40. Proclamation designating March 3, 2026, as the 100th Anniversary of the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) BC20260303DOC017

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

 No items were pulled.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consent Agenda Only)

 A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, and seconded by Commissioner Rahn, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes incorporated in the Agenda Update Memorandum.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

5. **CLERK'S CONSENT** BC20260303DOC018

A. **WARRANT LISTING**  
Accepted the Warrant (Check) Listing for the Month of January 2026, issued by the Finance Department BC20260303DOC019

B. **MINUTES**  
Approved the Minutes of January 27, 2026

C. **REFUNDS**  
Approved:

- 1. Alan Fleury – Withdrawn Variance, \$2,500 BC20260303DOC020
- 2. Dexter Lawrence – Billing Adjustment, \$1,538.10 BC20260303DOC021
- 3. Galeo Roofing LLC – Billing Adjustment, \$3,525.91 BC20260303DOC022

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/SETTLEMENT**

Authorized County Attorney's Office to take no action regarding Plaintiff, Carlton Wilson's, February 11, 2026, Proposal for Settlement and Demand for Judgment in the amount of \$200,000 to Manatee County, and allow the Proposal for Settlement and Demand for Judgment to expire in the matter of Carlton Wilson v. Manatee County, Case 2025-CA-002719

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8. **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU/AGREEMENT**

- Executed Reimbursement Agreement with City of Holmes Beach, for multi-modal path enhancement/improvements project; and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-033, amending the annual budget for FY26

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9. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS**

Authorized staff to record Satisfactions of multiple Code Enforcement Liens (18), and for the Chairperson to execute the Satisfactions: CE2403-0074 (We Sell Mixers LLC, \$491.94), CE2208-0813 (Ana Montero, \$3,207), CE2007-0593 (Laura Mannino, \$1,028.50), CE2206-0361 (Michael & H.L. Glasgow, \$628.50), CE2015060260 (Lester A. Green & E. Dawn Miller, \$100), CE2015060260-2 (Lester A. Green & E. Dawn Miller, \$100), CE2015060260-3 (Lester A. Green & E. Dawn Miller, \$100), CE2015060260-4 (Lester A. Green & E. Dawn Miller, \$100), CE2309-0670 (Jose E. Garcia & Milka E. Garcia, \$6,079.48), CE2406-0044 (Hunter Adams, \$19,110.34), CE2212-0120 (Elizabeth Rodriquez, \$34,305.67), CE2409-0079 (Kathy L. Widner & Richard D. Widner, \$444.47), CE2506-0248 (Cory Kimball, \$455.58), CE2407-0376 (Cory Kimball, \$2,224.65), CE2406-0627 (Howe, LD, Trust NO 21301, \$202.11), CE2502-0730 (Lisa M. Brackett, \$202.91), CE2508-1060 (Gianz Construction LLC, \$1,383.86), and CE1901-0487 (Billie & Jason Rowland, \$5,513.16)

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10. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/RESOLUTION**

Adopted Resolution R-26-033, implementing Administrative Procedures entitled Procedures for the Live Local Act in Manatee County, concerning the processing of development applications pertaining to affordable housing to implement the Live Local Act

BC20260303DOC026

11. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS**

Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-047, and Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-053 for Infrastructure Sales Tax

BC20260303DOC027

12. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to allocate additional departmental budgeted funding to Agreement 25-R086424DJ with CJ's Sales and Service of Ocala, Inc., for Generator and Pump Preventative Maintenance and Repair for various locations throughout the County (estimated annual expenditure \$625,000)

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13. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/PIGGYBACK PURCHASE ORDER**

Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Piggyback Purchase Order to Workscapes, Inc., for furnishing and installation of office furniture on the Second Floor at 9000 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch (estimated cost \$1,198,224.11)

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14. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Agreement 25-TA006192LP with Landmark Services of South West Florida, Inc., for reconstruction of the west end of 9th Avenue Northwest, from 75th Street Northwest to 99th Street Northwest, and install a multi-use trail on the north side of 9th Avenue Northwest, from 99th Street Northwest to 75th Street Northwest, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,570,488.37, with a construction schedule of 365 calendar days from notice to proceed BC20260303DOC030

15. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Amendment 5 to Agreement 19-TA003008 with Benevate LLC (d/b/a Neighbor Software), for Neighborly Software-as-a-Service, for the Government Relations Grants Division BC20260303DOC031

16. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

- Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 2 to Agreement 24-TA004989DJ with Florida Design Contractors LLC, for Lake Manatee Water Treatment Plant Sedimentation Basin C Sludge Collection Upgrade, authorizing an additional \$2,028,139.94 to the contract amount, for a revised, not-to-exceed amount of \$7,779,731.94, and an additional 397 calendar days to the construction schedule, for a revised completion date of April 7, 2027; and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-055, amending the annual budget for FY26. This budget amendment adjusts the FY26-30 CIP BC20260303DOC032

17. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 3 to Agreement 23-TA004595SAM with C&T Contracting Services LLC, for Improvements at Master Lift Station 39A, authorizing an additional 45 calendars days to the construction schedule, for a revised, substantial completion date of March 16, 2026 BC20260303DOC033

18. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 3 to Agreement 23-TA004498SAM with CEC Motor & Utility Services LLC, for Cortez Booster Pump Station Upgrades, authorizing an additional 224 calendars days to the construction schedule, for a revised substantial completion date of August 7, 2026 BC20260303DOC034

19. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**

- Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute GMP Addendum 1 to Agreement 26-TA006261JK with Woodruff & Sons, Inc., for Harrison Ranch Boulevard at U.S. 301 Signalization Project, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,387,752.50, with a construction schedule of 180 calendar days to substantial completion;
- Authorized to accept and date the Public Construction Bond; and
- Adopted Budget Resolution B-26-058, amending the annual budget for FY26 This budget amendment adjusts the FY26-30 CIP BC20260303DOC035

20. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/GRANT AGREEMENT**

- Authorized Annette Cottrell, Authorizing Official for RESTORE, to electronically accept the Notice of Award for Grant Agreement RDC2025001571 from U.S. Department of the Treasury for Hidden Harbor Park Fisheries Habitat Enhancement

- with Upland Restoration and Recreational Trails Project; and  
• Authorized execution of the Grant Agreement once received BC20260303DOC036

21. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/DONATION**

Authorized the Board of County Commissioners to accept the Carnegie Libraries 250 Donation of \$20,000 BC20260303DOC037

22. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/GRANT**

- Authorized submission of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for Artificial Reef Deployment Grant Proposal; and
  - Authorized Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Director of Natural Resources, any of their designees, Director of Government Relations, any of their designees, and Grant Division Manager, to execute all necessary, subsequent documents related to the Grant submission
- (The 2026 FWC Artificial Reef Grant Application proposes additional artificial reef material, e.g., prefabricated modules, to the permitted Bridge Reef site) BC20260303DOC038

23. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/GRANT**

- Authorized submission of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) 2026-2027, for Artificial Reef Monitoring Grant Proposal; and
- Authorized Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Director of Natural Resources, any of their designees, Director of Government Relations, any of their designees, and Grant Division Manager, to execute all necessary, subsequent documents related to the grant submission BC20260303DOC039

24. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/GRANT**

- Authorized submission of Tampa Bay Environmental Restoration Fund (TBERF) Grant Application for Oyster Reef Construction; and
  - Authorized Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Director of Natural Resources, any of their designees, Director of Government Relations, any of their designees, and Grant Division Manager to execute all necessary, subsequent documents related to the Grant submission
- (Total Grant \$400,000: TBERF – \$200,000; City of Bradenton – \$100,000; and remaining \$100,000 from Manatee County General Funds) BC20260303DOC040

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

Accepted and authorized recording of Temporary Construction Easement from Barbara A. Myers, as Trustee of the Barbara A. Myers Revocable Living Trust, dated October 23, 2009, as to an undivided 1/2 Interest, and Barbara A. Myers as Successor Trustee of the Jack A. Myers Revocable Living Trust dated October 23, 2009, as to an undivided 1/2 Interest for Property located at 6120 17th Street East, Bradenton BC20260303DOC041

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

Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Utilities Easement from NAP MCEAST LLC, for property located at 16670 State Road 64 East, Bradenton, required for NAP MCEAST LLC, to receive Certificate of Completion BC20260303DOC042

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

Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Utilities Easement from HPI Self Storage Tara LLC, for property located at 7225 Stone River Road, Bradenton, required to receive Certificate of Occupancy BC20260303DOC043

28. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE**

- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-054, amending the annual budget for FY26. This budget amendment adjusts the FY26-30 CIP, and;
- Executed Contract for Sale and Purchase from Cedrick Cooper and Luverne Cooper, for property located at 119th Avenue East near Ola Mae Sims Park, Parrish, for the purpose of future expansion and other improvements at Ola Mae Sims Park, in the amount of \$350,000 BC20260303DOC044

29. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE**

Executed Contract for Sale and Purchase from Charles M. O'Shea, Jr., for property located at 119th Avenue East adjacent to Ola Mae Sims Park, Parrish, for the purpose of future expansion and other improvements at Ola Mae Sims Park, in the amount of \$11,700 BC20260303DOC045

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

- Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Utilities Easement from GS Lakewood Ranch Owner LLC (includes Consent and Joinder from Wintrust Bank, National Association);
- Accepted and authorized recording of Flowage Easement from GS Lakewood Ranch Owner LLC (includes Consent and Joinder from Wintrust Bank, National Association);
- Accepted and authorized recording of Cross Access Easement from GS Lakewood Ranch Owner LLC (includes Consent and Joinder from Wintrust Bank, National Association); and
- Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Access Easement from GS Lakewood Ranch Owner LLC (includes Consent and Joinder from Wintrust Bank, National Association)

(for properties located at 14366 State Road 64 East, Bradenton [Parcels Numbers 576900359 and 576900409], needed for the property owner to receive Certificate of Occupancy BC20260303DOC046

**PUBLIC WORKS/RESOLUTION**

- Adopted Resolution R-26-029, requesting the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization recommend the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners continue to serve as the Designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for the Manatee County Service Area; and
- Authorized execution of a Five-Year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (with the fully-executed MOA, CTC designation for Manatee County Government continues through Spring/Summer 2031) BC20260303DOC047

32. **PUBLIC WORKS/SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Authorized to classify equipment, 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 BC20260303DOC048

33. **PUBLIC WORKS/SPEED HUMP/PALMA SOLA BOULEVARD**

Authorized Public Works staff to install a speed hump on Palma Sola Boulevard between 41st Avenue Circle West and 43rd Avenue West (cost of a temporary speed hump [trial period], \$1,500; and a permanent speed hump, signs, and pavement markings, \$17,000, for a total cost of \$18,500) BC20260303DOC049

34. **PUBLIC WORKS/GRANT/AGREEMENT/MODIFICATION OF TIME EXTENSION FOR PHASE 2 FDEM WATERSHED PLANNING**


Authorized execution of Modification for a Time Extension to Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement H0894 (Project 4337-4-Pz) with Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), for Phase 2 (FDEM) Watershed Planning Grant, extending the completion date from December 31, 2025, to June 30, 2026


(Total Grant \$200,000, with County 25 percent match of \$50,000)


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(End Consent Agenda)


**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Future Agenda Items Only, and Generic Comments submitted online)

 Lindsey Leigh, creator of the Sarasota Homegrown Market, asked the Board to continue the work started by Commissioner Felts.


 Heidi Minihkeim stated the citizens of Myakka City will continue to carry on the legacy of Commissioner Carol Ann Felts to protect the Future Development Area Boundary (FDAB).

 Patricia Simmons commented on Land Development Code Section 504 and requested understandable information be provided to the public.


 Glen Gibellina submitted information and endorsed the creation of a Citizens' Advisory Board, with a liaison to serve as the point of contact with the County Commission.


 By telephone, Andra Griffin requested an update on the trash pick-up schedule, citizens were promised a national search for County Administrator, the need to examine the downsizing of County staff, and a tax reduction.


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


 Discussion ensued regarding the Wild and Scenic designation of the Sarasota portion of the Myakka River, there are different layers of protection of Myakka River, portions of Senate Bill 180 are not moving and individuals are needed to get it moving, collaborate on the protection of Myakka River Headwaters, creation of form-based Code to get affordable housing projects moving, Chairman Siddique will carry the agenda item by Commissioner Felts on the March 5 Land Use Agenda, twice-a-week trash pick-up is expensive, explore price quotes, the County is functioning with 300+ employee reduction, plans to restore one-time bulk pickup by implementing a monthly, zoned bulk service (allowing two items), alongside of one annual on-call pickup to handle larger household items, a national search for a County Administrator was conducted in 2023, and the County Administrator's employment will be addressed at an upcoming meeting. BC20260303DOC051


7. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS' SERVICES/CATALYTIC LOAN/LEGACY VILLAGE I**


 Tracie Adams, Community and Veterans Services Deputy Director, presented a request for authorization for staff to prepare required documents to be brought back for full execution, to modify the current mortgage held with Community Assisted & Support Living, Inc., (CASL), increasing the Catalytic Loan with CASL for Legacy Village I, affordable housing project, located at 8110 Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The original Catalytic Loan funded through the Southwest Tax Increment Finance (SWTIF) was approved in January 2024. CASL is requesting a mortgage modification to increase the principal by an additional \$2,221,045, for a total of \$3,971,045, due to unanticipated expenses involving the demolition of the existing structure to remediate the site.

 J. Scott Eller, President of CASL, stated the project was to redevelop an existing hotel into a 60-unit, mixed-use affordable housing up to 80 percent AMI; however, due to illegal activities involving drug use by the public accompanied by repeated law enforcement activity and the need to remove a significant public nuisance, there is now a need to demolish the structure.


 Discussion ensued regarding the need for funding and the overage, this was a blighted property that was a hazard to Manatee County, and CASL is one of the preeminent, affordable housing partners the County is working with.

 A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse and seconded by Commissioner Siddique, for authorization to move forward with a Mortgage Modification and all associated documents to be brought back for full execution, increasing the Catalytic Loan with CASL for Legacy Village I, located at 8110 Tamiami Trail, Florida, 34203, in the amount of \$2,221,045 from SWTIF Funds.

 Discussion ensued regarding there is a little over \$6 million in SWTIF Funds prior to this action, a new generator is required as CASL is caring for people that are medically compromised, and this project is needed.

 Glen Gibellina approved of the project but was disappointed regarding the lack of information to the public on using 50 percent of the remaining SWTIF Funds.

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


 Chairman Siddique read the motion as amended on the revised agenda memorandum. Commissioner Kruse agreed, and the motion carried 6-0.


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**RECESS/RECONVENE:** 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All Commissioners were present.


37. **SPORTS AND LEISURE SERVICES/COUNTRY CLUB EAST BASEBALL FIELDS**


Molly White, Sports and Leisure Services Director, utilized a slide presentation to review the history of the dedication of the 15 acres for a public park in exchange for impact fee credits from the developer, an aerial map, Little League scheduling ideal capacity, and an artist aerial rendering of the Country Club East Baseball Fields. Significant infrastructure is already in place (playground, pavilion, bathroom).


 Nancy Haas, Country Club East resident, spoke in opposition to the ballfield park project due to concerns of noise, traffic and light intrusion from the park.


 Mark Morrissey, adjacent property owner, asked the Board to reconsider the location of the ballfields due to the placement of the lighting. He also expressed concern regarding noise levels, commercial traffic, night-time activity, and the protection of wetlands.


 Marci Hackman stated the baseball fields will be a great asset to the community and encouraged preserving open green space.


 Jeff Hackman spoke in favor of the baseball fields and submitted a community petition in support.


 Adam King emphasized the need for the baseball fields.


 Darryl Dreary, Country Club East resident, spoke in opposition due to the lack of transparency regarding the project.


 Jennifer Kulosik spoke on the benefits of providing baseball fields for youth in the Lakewood Ranch area.

 By telephone, Jess Bonilla spoke on the importance of the baseball fields.


 By telephone, Robert Naumann, Country Club East resident, spoke in support of the Lakewood Ranch Baseball fields. Youth baseball games involve children 4-13 years old, three hours of scheduled play Monday through Friday, and Saturday and Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at 100 players per field. This would have minimum impact on adjacent residential development, and traffic impacts have been handled to date with no issues.

 By telephone, Andra Griffin stated the alternative is that this property could be sold to a residential development creating more traffic. This project will be a great amenity.

 By telephone, Allen Dohli, President of Lakewood Ranch Little League, stated there is significant community support, and there is nothing but the best intentions.


 By telephone, Alexa Welch spoke in support of the project.


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

 Discussion ensued regarding the core duty of government, where to draw the line on what use is reasonable on property adjacent to residential development, the request is for three baseball fields for use by children ages 4-13, and the project will serve as an asset to the County to provide recreational amenities for taxpayers.

 A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, and seconded by Commissioner Ballard, to approve the Action Requested:


- Authorize the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum to Agreement No. 26-TA006262DJ, Construction Management at Risk Services for Country Club East Baseball Fields project, with Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,225,797.26, with a construction schedule of 429 calendar days and accept and date the public construction bond; and
- Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-061, amending the annual budget for Manatee County, FL, for FY26. This budget amendment adjusts the FY 26-30 CIP.

 Further discussion occurred about project cost, other land is available to satisfy adjacent residents and baseball families, the need to take a better look at this, why the Board does not do what the people ask, and Districts 1 and 5 are under attack.


 Pamela D’Agostino, County Attorney, advised the Board that Florida Law dictates that a Commissioner present at a meeting must vote on all official decisions.

 The motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner McCann voting nay. BC20260303DOC053

41. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE**

 Rob Burke, Process Improvement Division Manager, distributed a two-sided chart of Board Priorities 2026 with Strategic Goals and Objectives, and utilized a slide presentation on the progress of Goals 1-6 since Strategic Plan adoption in December 2025, and establishing a baseline of key performance indicators, alignment with Board priorities, Strategic Plan execution timeline, and the next steps.


 Stephanie Garrison, Government Relations Director, stated that staff is working on a public survey in partnership with University of South Florida (USF), which will be analyzed and brought to the Board.


 Discussion ensued regarding allocation and service delivery to the customer to make necessary adjustments to make County services to the public at optimum levels, this is an annual public survey, measurable outcome will be based on customer feedback, and what types of platforms and technology could be used to maximize service.

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


No action is required. BC20260303DOC054

35. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/BISHOP ANIMAL SHELTER**


 Michelle Wehrle, Construction Services Manager, utilized a slide presentation and video <https://youtu.be/ppaw6D8DLxQ> to provide an overview of project timeline, Project Costs (Phase I – Kennels and Site Work, \$7,287,915; and Phase II – Adoption Building, \$6,060,582), architectural site plan, features of each kennel building, Palmetto and Bishop comparison, and Above and Beyond work of customizations or In Progress of the Bishop Animal Shelter, located at 5718 21st Avenue West, Bradenton.


 Stephenie Krum, Behavior Manager, Manatee County Animal Welfare, stated the number one priority is sidewalks. Animal Welfare supports the details of the new building, workflow, and protocol review. The drainage system in the new kennel buildings extends


from the lobby to the other end of the kennel area. Due to concern of the potential for back-up into other kennels down the line, cleaning is recommended on the side closest to the lobby through the kennel area to prevent any spread of disease.


 There was discussion that the University of Florida's Shelter Medicine Program completed a comprehensive review of the proposed Manatee County Animal Welfare management adjustments, if the comprehensive review is available for the public, when is it anticipated the animals will be moved from Palmetto to Bishop, conditions at Palmetto Animal Shelter, some kennels are not functional, dogs are kept indoors and outdoors due to the number of dogs, the Jail kennels are overflow kennels and currently are not needed, timeline on the establishment of the Citizens' Advisory Board (30-45 days), and all improvements are documented and can be provided.


 Laurie Webber expressed concern regarding kennel space and the safety of animals.


 Cathy Bridwell, Animal Shelter volunteer, displayed a photograph inside the animal shelter, Above and Beyond Work, photograph of enclosed kennels and proximity, and Palmetto and Bishop Comparison.


 Joyce Jordan pleaded with the Board to not place animals at the Bishop Shelter.


 Misty Evans spoke about volunteer efforts and stated that functionality, facility design, operational efficiency, and resource management are needed, because animal shelters operate under extreme constraints and time-sensitive animal welfare demands.


 Dena Sabou shared staff's initial photographs of the new kennels versus photographs of what is now proposed.


 Susan Parker addressed projected growth versus reduced capacity at the kennels and requested the Board find another solution.

 Julie Nelson displayed photographs of confined animals and requested a concrete block facility be constructed.

 By telephone, Linda Warner, Palmetto Shelter Volunteer, spoke about the day-to-day operations at the shelter between staff and volunteers.

 By telephone, Heidi Minikheim requested the Board listen to Shelter volunteers, the prefabricated kennels are too small, aisles are too narrow, and the noise of barking dogs is stressful to other dogs and volunteers.

 By telephone, David Daniels stated the exterior, prefabricated kennels are in direct sun and unusable for at least six months of the year.

 By telephone, Glen Gibellina stated \$6 million for the new animal shelter is extreme and is the result of lack of communication with staff, shelter volunteers, and the County Administrator to the Board. There is nothing in writing from the University of Florida

outlining what needs to be done. Comprehensive Review documents should be on the agenda and made available to the public.

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



Discussion ensued on action to staff to work with University of Florida, advocacy as a group has become reasonable, prefabricated kennels are Category 4 hurricane sustainable kennels, recommendation is to determine what do we do next as there continues to be repetitious public comment, nothing heard today was new information on this project and there is nothing more to provide, do not propose any further changes to this project, and looking forward to seeing progress on Phase II.

No action is required.

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**RECESS/RECONVENE:** 2:57 p.m. – 3:06 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

36. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Presented was a request for the appointment of one applicant to the Environmental Lands Management and Acquisition Advisory (ELMAC) Committee to fill the Education in Active Outdoor Sports Seat.

Nominations

Scott Tussing by Commissioner Kruse

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

Nominations were closed, and Scott Tussing was appointed to the Education in Active Outdoor Sports Seat.

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38. **UTILITIES/RESOLUTION/PIPELINE RESILIENCY PROJECT**




Patrick Shea, Utilities Director, utilized a slide presentation to present the Pipeline Resiliency Project and Action Requested:


- Adoption of Resolution R-26-032, authorizing Implementation of the Pipeline Resiliency Project;
- Authorization for the County Administrator, or Designee, to execute and deliver the Florida State Revolving Fund Loan Application related to the Project; and
- Pledging Net Revenues of the Utilities System, subordinate in all respects to the pledge of net revenues securing existing and future senior bonds, senior lien refunding bonds or debt, and senior lien lease purchase agreements.




Infrastructure components include 15+ miles of 20-inch transmission line, from East County Wellfield to the Lake Manatee Water Treatment Plan, two additional drinking water production wells, adds 5-9 million gallons a day of water supply capacity, and provides redundancy to the existing 36-inch transmission line. Total investment is \$70 million, the County will receive over \$17.5 million in loan forgiveness, and over \$17.5 million in zero percent interest financing, and the remaining through the Utilities Capital Program.

 Mr. Shea continued with slides on groundwater management, stating the Buffalo Creek Reverse Osmosis Plant, through SWFWMD, is in the most impacted area (MIA), with the East County Wellfield outside of the impacted area. This project reallocates water use capacity outside the MIA to support long-term water supply planning.


Mr. Shea stated this project strengthens reliability, enhances emergency preparedness, provides redundancy, adds drinking water supply capacity, protects groundwater resources, leverages significant grant funding, and saves Manatee County Utilities customers money. Staff anticipates presenting a Guaranteed Maximum Price to the Board in the fall to start this project.

 Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, suggested a change to Bullet 2 of the Action Requested, to say Authorization for the Chair, or the County Administrator, or Designee, to execute and deliver the Florida State Revolving Fund Loan Application related to the Project.

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


 Chairman Siddique read the three, bullet items under the Action Requested:


- Adoption of Resolution R-26-032, authorizing implementation of the Pipeline Resiliency Project;
- Authorization for the Chair, or the County Administrator, or Designee, to execute and deliver the Florida State Revolving Fund Loan Application related to the Project; and
- Pledging Net Revenues of the Utilities System, subordinate in all respects to the pledge of net revenues securing existing and future senior bonds, senior lien refunding bonds, or debt, and senior lien lease purchase agreements.


 Commissioner Kruse so moved the Action Requested as read by Chairman Siddique. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rahn and carried 6-0. BC20260303DOC057

## **COMMISSIONER AGENDA/COMMENTS**


### 39. **PROPOSED 12-MONTH DEMENTIA PUBLIC SAFETY AND NAVIGATION HUB**


 Commissioner McCann stated Manatee County is deficient in facilities for people with cognitive impairment, which creates a dangerous and public safety issue for the person, law enforcement, EMS and medical personnel, and the overall safety of individuals with cognitive disabilities. Marcy McPherson, Certified Positive Approach to Care (PAC) Coach/Trainer, is starting a nonprofit program on dementia to assist citizens.


 Ms. McPherson thanked Commissioner McCann for placing this item on the agenda. The proposed 12-month, County-embedded Dementia Public Safety and Navigation Hub introduces a visible point of access and gives family a central place to seek help and get answers. This request does not require funding or a building, but is designed to operate within existing County infrastructure.


 Discussion ensued on commending individuals for bringing this need forward, there is stress on law enforcement that are not trained to recognize dementia, and the need for staff to investigate on how this service can be provided by partnering with an agency.


Chairman Siddique stated that a more appropriate motion would be to direct staff to investigate working with nonprofits to see how these services can be provided.


 Commissioner Ballard stated dementia is very personal to her family. The need is there; however, she suggested giving the Board time to determine what services can be provided by staff.


 Commissioner Kruse stated this is a reasonable request for a 12-month Operation Center.


 Commissioner McCann stated the individuals are also talking about a silicone bracelet with a unique identification system containing family and medication information. He suggested staff work with Ms. McPherson to get this service provided.

 A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, to request staff to work with them to find out exactly what their plan of action is and what is needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ballard.

 Samantha Patterson commented on the need for this service in Manatee County.

 Theresa Capuano-Scott spoke of the need to help individuals with dementia.

 Brittany Lush spoke of her experience as a primary caregiver for her father and the need for better training, tools, and support to assist individuals with dementia.

 Skyler Betts stated that everyone who spoke, works in the medical community and has offered to train law enforcement and emergency service personnel. Systems in place are needed for families without worrying about financial demands.


 Ed Bailey thanked everyone for supporting this effort.


There being no further citizen comments, Chairman Siddique closed public comments.

 The motion carried 6-0.

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46. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY IN OFFICE – COUNTY COMMISSIONER CAROL ANN FELTS**

 Chairman Siddique stated Carol Ann Felts, representing District 1, passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. When a County Commissioner dies in office, it is incumbent upon the Board to provide the Governor with formal notice of same and the resulting vacancy in office.

 A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, to authorize the Chairman to execute the letter attached to this agenda item and cause the transmittal of same to the Governor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bearden and carried 6-0.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Continued)

There being no further citizen comment, Chairman Siddique closed citizen comment.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**



Commissioner Siddique

- Stated Commissioner Felts served on two advisory boards, and the vacant seats need to be filled. He asked interested Commissioners to let him know which seat they may want to fill. Commissioner Bearden is alternate on ELMAC. Commissioner Kruse offered to serve.



Commissioner Rahn

- Stated Commissioner Bearden would serve as First Vice-Chairman of the Port Authority
- Thanked everyone for contributing to the special tribute in memory of Commissioner Felts



Commissioner Ballard

- Stated she will attend the Property Tax 101 interactive, community workshop tonight at the Palmetto Library.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**



Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, thanked everyone for contributing to the special tribute in memory of Commissioner Carol Ann Felts.

He will attend the Property Tax 101 interactive, community workshop tonight at Palmetto Library.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Siddique adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_