

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
April 7, 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:

Bryan Parnell, Deputy County Administrator
Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

INVOCATION

 Pastor Mark Gibbens, Mill Creek Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lance Corporal Cameron Lochner, U.S. Marine Corps, and Manatee County Senior Veterans Services Counselor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bryan Parnell, Deputy County Administrator, announced additional public comments were received after the agenda was published.

AGENDA

Agenda Update Memorandum 1 (3/31/2026)

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BC20260407DOC002

- Generic Public Comment – Additional public comments added
- Item 54, Bishop Parker Foundation Updated – Added item to presentation
- Item 20, Adoption of Resolution R-26-019 Approving the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the Florida Development Finance Corporation (FDPC), in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000,000, as requested by Waste Pro USA, Inc., for projects located within Manatee County. The improvements include the purchase of (or reimbursement for) new or upgraded collection vehicles, solid waste containers, compactors, and related equipment, as well as improvements to land, buildings, and other facilities used for solid waste operations. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a resolution consenting to the bond issuance in accordance with the terms of the Interlocal Agreement previously entered into by the parties in May of 1988 - Revised Cover Sheet to add Presenter to item, correct typographical errors and change instructions to Board Records
- Item 28, Execution of Work Assignment 11 to Agreement 21-TA003647SAM for Palm Aire Stormwater Pipe Replacement and Rehabilitation Phase 1 - Corrected title of agenda item to correct typographical error on District (this item is related to District 4)

- Item 30, Authorization to Apply for a Grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) for a work boat replacement - Changed Cover Sheet Cost/Funding Source from \$350,000 to \$380,000 and added a revised application to agenda item
- Item 35, Execution of Modified Opioid Impact Grant Services Agreement and No-Cost Extension for the School District of Manatee County FY26 Strong Futures Program –
 - Changed title of agenda item to read: Execution of the Agreement for Opioid Impact Services and No-Cost Extension for the School District of Manatee County FY26 Strong Futures Program
 - Revised Motion to read: Authorization for the Chairman to execute the Agreement for Modified Opioid Impact Grant Services with the School District of Manatee County for the Strong Futures Program and approval of a no-cost extension allowing program implementation beginning August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, utilizing the previously approved FY25/26 Opioid Impact Grant allocation of \$250,703. Remove and Replace FY26 Modified Agreement for Opioid Impact Services with corrected document titled: FY26 Agreement for Opioid Impact Services_
 - Remove Resolution R-25-145 and Exhibit A from the agenda item
- Item 42, Appointment of Members to the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB) – Filling three Non-Profit Organization Representative Seat 1 (Business, Finance, Operations Expertise Seat), and Five Volunteer Seats - Revised Candidate Matrix attached to item
- Item 43, Execution of Services Agreement for Economic Development Activities with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation - Updated Agenda Cover Sheet to indicate County Attorney review and added Request for Legal Services RLS25/26-0224 Opinion Memo to agenda item
- Item 49, Motion to resurface the roads of River Club located in Lakewood Ranch which serves two schools and approximately 1,000 residential homes, where numerous large potholes have developed throughout the area and continue to expand as temporary patches deteriorate and patching efforts have failed to address the underlying issues of the roadways, presenting significant safety hazards including vehicle damage and increased risk of accidents involving pedestrians, school traffic and other motorists - Added public comments
- Item 53, County Administrator Contract Review – Added to the agenda

Agenda Update Memorandum 2 (4/1/2026)

BC20260407DOC003

- Pledge of Allegiance – Updated to read Pledge of Allegiance led by LCpl Cameron Lochner, U.S. Marine Corps, and Manatee County Senior Veterans Services Counselor
- Item 55, Proposal for Settlement in the Amount of \$40,000 in Manatee County Circuit Court Case, Jose De Jesus Lopez Hernandez v. Manatee County, Case 2025-CA-2240 – Added to the Agenda
- Item 21, Authorization to issue a Purchase Order for Belt Filter Presses Reconditioning - Updated to correct the presenter from Rick Svec, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor, to Patrick Shea, Utilities Director
- Item 46, Adoption of Resolution R-26-045, authorizing Implementation of a Bulk Waste Pilot Program, Approval of Associated Service Levels, and Authorization of Related Compensation to Franchise Haulers - Updated with a revised Cover Sheet that includes a corrected Title (in strikethrough/underline format), Action Requested language, and necessary attachments

Agenda Update Memorandum 3 (4/2/2026)

BC20260407DOC004

- Generic Public Comments – Updated to include additional comments
- Item 1, Presentation of Award of Recognition to Dylan Rawley and the Scouts of Troop 146 for the Flag Retirement Project - Updated to correct the Title and Award of Recognition


- Item 18, Authorization to record Satisfactions of Multiple Code Enforcement Liens - Updated to correct the signature blocks from the Chairperson to County Administrator or his/her designee
- Item 23, Execution of Change Order 1 to Agreement 24-R083613CD Operational Support Services for Piney Point Treatment Plant and Deep Injection Well; and Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-067 - updated with a revised Title and Action Requested in strikethrough/underline format
- Item 24, Execution of Change Order 1 to Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum 1 to Agreement 25-TA005875RB for Construction of Bobby Jones Court – Bridge NB3046 Rehabilitation - This agenda item was updated with corrected dollar amounts in strikethrough/underline format
- Item 39, Execution of Mangrove Point Mitigation Bank Purchase Agreement with Mangrove Point Mitigation Point LLC, for .57 Dual Estuarine Forested UMAM Credits and .08 Dual Estuarine Herbaceous UMAM Credits for a total of .65 Credits from the Mangrove Point Mitigation Bank for the Fort Hamer Bridge 4 Lane Project located in the Manatee River Basin – Deferred to May 5, 2026 BC20260407DOC005
- Item 43, Execution of Services Agreement for Economic Development Activities with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation – Updated with a revised services agreement

Agenda Update Memorandum 4 (4/6/2026)


BC20260407DOC006


- Generic Public Comments – Updated to include additional comments
- Item 54, Bishop Parker Foundation Update – Moved to follow Presentations
- Item 43, Execution of Services Agreement for Economic Development Activities with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation – Updated with public comment
- Item 44, Update of progress on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant and Lasting Manatee Program – Deferred to April 21, 2026 BC20260407DOC007
- Item 48, Animal Services – Updated with public comment
- Item 51, Senate Bill 180 - Updated with public comment
- Item 52, Grantmaking and Immigration Law - Updated with public comment
- Item 53, County Administrator Contract Renewal - Updated with public comment and an attachment

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1.  Award of Recognition was presented to Dylan Rawley and the Scouts of Troop 146 for the Flag Retirement Project. BC20260407DOC008

Dylan Rawley thanked the County for their support of the Flag Retirement Project.

2.  Team Member of the Month for March 2026 was presented to Vanessa Rene, Benefits Systems Analyst, Human Resources. BC20260407DOC009


3.  Team Member of the Month for April 2026 was presented to Eric Ausborn, Project Manager, Property Management. BC20260407DOC010

PROCLAMATIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 6-0, to approve the following Proclamations:

4.  Proclamation designating April 7, 2026, as Boys and Girls Youth and Junior Youth of the Year Day accepted by Shalynn Johnson (Youth of the Year), and Kiya Henry (Junior Youth of the Year). BC20260407DOC011
5.  Proclamation designating April 7, 2026, as Child Abuse Prevention Month, accepted by Kiimberly Griffin, Child Protection Program. BC20260407DOC012
6. Proclamation designating April 17-23, 2026, as Crime Victim’s Rights week. BC20260407DOC013
7.  Proclamation designating April 2026, as Donate Life Month accepted by Crystal Castleberry, organ donor. BC20260407DOC014
8. Proclamation designating April 20-24, 2026, as Manatee County Home Visiting Week. BC20260407DOC015
9. Proclamation designating April 24, 2026, as National Arbor Day. BC20260407DOC016
10. Proclamation designating April 12-18, 2026, as National Public Works Week. BC20260407DOC017
11. Proclamation designating April 2026, as Water Conservation Month. BC20260407DOC018
12. Proclamation designating April 7, 2026, as World Health Day. BC20260407DOC019

54. **BISHOP-PARKER FOUNDATION**

 Wendy Deming, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Bishop-Parker Foundation, used a slide presentation to provide an update on the philanthropic activities of the Foundation throughout Manatee County. BC20260407DOC020


43. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS/AGREEMENT**

 Aimee Johnson, Economic Development Manager, presented the item for execution.

Amanda Parrish, Interim CEO Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and Chris Cianfaglione, Board Chairman, used a slide presentation to review the effects of the work being done by the EDC, including the services provided, roles and responsibilities, priority sectors aligned with strategic goals, performance-based contract, termination clause, scorecard framework to be used quarterly, 13 percent reduction to cost, breakdown on costs, and specific dollars for marketing.

Mr. Cianfaglione stated the organization works with all municipalities in Manatee County.

Discussion ensued regarding the EDC is searching for an executive director, there are candidates from Manatee County, standard termination clause, amend the contract for amount, contract terms include the amount due is recurring annually, capped funding this year, auto-renew, annual “aggregate” amount, continue to promote economic development, and glad to see scorecard and metrics.

 Ms. Parrish noted the State reached out to the EDC, noting there was a potential new opportunity for Manatee County, from a German crane operator needing a location close to a port, and the EDC office immediately responded.

Discussion continued regarding the breakdown of funding to be used for salaries and administration, total salary to be paid from County funds of \$251,250, all the funds are used in Manatee County, and rebuilding trust with the EDC.

Pamela D’Agostino, County Attorney, reiterated the terms of the contract and suggested language in last two sentences of Paragraph G be updated with the word “annual”, correcting the contract amount, recommending additional language regarding prorating the payment due to the contract becoming effective today, and adding “with substantive amendments as stated by the County Attorney”.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn and seconded by Commissioner Kruse, to execute Services Agreement for Economic Development Activities with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation, with substantive amendments as stated by the County Attorney.


Devaney Iglesias, Florida Power and Light, supported the contract, and stressed the importance of the EDC’s work in Manatee County.

Jackie Delzelski, Manatee Chamber of Commerce, supported the contract with the EDC.


 Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton, supported the contract with the EDC.

 Patricia Simmons requested the EDC also work with businesses that support individuals with disabilities.

 Josh Matlock, Suncoast Workforce, encouraged the Board to approve the contract.

 Andra Griffin does not support this contract.

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


 Discussion ensued regarding thanking the EDC for working with the County on the contract, understood that they will work with the County Commission, and provide up-to-date information on perspective businesses coming to Manatee County.

The motion carried 6-0.

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RECESS/RECONVENE: 10:28 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. All Commissioners were present.

REQUESTS BY COMMISSIONERS-ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

 Items 17, 20, 23, and 30 were pulled by Commissioner McCann.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Consent Agenda Only)

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn and seconded by Chairman Siddique to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes incorporated in the Agenda Update Memorandum and the deletion of Items 17, 20, 23, and 30 (separate actions).

 Andra Griffin expressed interest in Item 20.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

13. **CLERKS CONSENT AGENDA** BC20260407DOC022
- A. **MINUTES**
Approved the Minutes of January 6 and 28, and February 11, 12, and 18, 2026
- B. **REFUNDS**
Approved the following Refunds:
1. Danielle K Hadlock – Credit Balance, \$2,055.97 BC20260407DOC023
 2. RCC Cortez Plaza LLC – Billing Adjustment, \$5,539.74 BC20260407DOC024
- C. **REPORTS**
Accepted the following Report:
1. Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County – Annual audit, completed local Governmental entry audit report submittal checklist, and annual local Governmental financial report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 - 2025 BC20260407DOC025
14. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/LAWSUIT**
- Approved extending the pre-suit notice period and deadline to June 12, 2026, in relation to the Bert J. Harris, Jr., private property rights claim against Manatee County from RFT Holdings, LLC, and Canal Road Investments, LLC, and
 - Authorized the Chairperson to execute a letter memorializing said agreement BC20260407DOC026
15. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/INSURANCE**
Authorized payment of \$61,373 to First Florida Insurance Brokers for increase to premium for excess workers' compensation insurance policy BC20260407DOC027
16. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/INSURANCE**
Approved the renewal of ten (10) flood insurance policies for properties owned by Manatee County, and authorized the County Attorney, or her designee, to execute all related, required documents in connection with each renewal, \$66,283 BC20260407DOC028
55. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/INSURANCE**
Authorized the County Attorney's Office to take no action regarding Plaintiff, Jose De Jesus Lopez Hernandez's, March 19, 2026, Proposal for Settlement in the amount of \$40,000 to Manatee County and to allow the Proposal for Settlement to expire in the matter of Jose De Jesus Lopez Hernandez v. Manatee County, Case 2025-CA-2240 BC20260407DOC029
18. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT SATISFICATION OF LIENS**
- Authorized recording of five Satisfactions of Multiple Code Enforcement Liens
 - CE2412-0163 – Jose M. Riviera-Guiterrez, Satisfaction of lien in the amount of \$11,844.82
 - CE2504-0751 - Boyle Ventures, Inc., Satisfaction of Lien, \$7,346.22
 - CE1904-0128 - Luis Rodriguez, Satisfaction of Lien, \$5,428.50
 - CE2501-0080 - Andrecar Investments LLC, Satisfaction of Lien,
 - CE2408-0209 - Russel James Capelle, Lee Arthur Capelle and Jerry Charles Capelle: Satisfaction of Lien, \$6,744.82; and
 - Authorized the County Administrator or his/her designee to execute the Satisfactions BC20260407DOC030
19. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**
Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-059 BC20260407DOC031

21. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/PURCHASE ORDER**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to issue a Purchase Order to MTS Environmental, Inc., for Belt Filter Presses Reconditioning in the amount of \$365,000
BC20260407DOC032
22. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to Agreement 23-TA004926DJ, Master Lift Station 27A Electrical Rehabilitation, with TLC Diversified, Inc., authorizing an additional 180 calendar to the construction schedule BC20260407DOC033
24. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Change Order 1 to GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) Addendum 1 to Agreement 25-TA005875RB with Halfacre Construction Company, for Construction of Bobby Jones Court – Bridge NB3046 Rehabilitation, for a revised total, not-to-exceed amount of \$884,221.96 BC20260407DOC034
25. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute GMP Addendum to Agreement 26-TA006377JK for 9th Street Over Cedar Hammock Canal – Bridge 134076 Rehabilitation with Halfacre Construction Company, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$759,999.24, with a construction schedule of 60 calendar days to substantial completion, and authorized to accept and date the Public Construction Bond BC20260407DOC035
26. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute GMP Addendum to Agreement 22-R078813RP for Harbor Hills Watermain, Line Replacement with Halfacre Construction Company, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,249,654.34, with a construction schedule of 365 calendar days to substantial completion, and authorized to accept and date the Public Construction Bond BC20260407DOC036
27. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Work Assignment 1 to Agreement 22-TA004174ED – 66th Street West Reclaimed Water Main Improvements with CDM Smith, Inc., authorizing a total, not-to-exceed amount of \$536,775 BC20260407DOC037
28. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Work Assignment 11 to Agreement 21-TA003647SAM with DRMP, Inc., for the Palm Aire Stormwater Pipe Replacement and Rehabilitation Phase 1, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$650,431
BC20260407DOC038
29. **NATURAL RESOURCES/GRANT**
- Authorized the submission of a West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Countywide Navigation Improvement Fund (CNIF) application; and
 - Authorized the Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Director of the Natural Resources Department, any of their designees, Director of Government Relations, any of their designees, and the Grant Division Manager to execute all necessary subsequent documents related to the grant submission BC20260407DOC039
31. **NATURAL RESOURCES/GRANT**
- Authorized the submission of a WCIND Navigation Improvement Grant Application; and

- Authorized the Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, Director of the Natural Resources Department, any of their designees, Director of Government Relations, any of their designees, and the Grant Division Manager to execute all necessary subsequent documents related to the grant submission BC20260407DOC040

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

Accepted and authorized recording of Conservation Easement from KB Home Tampa LLC, for property located at Ellenton Gillette Road and Mendoza Road, Palmetto BC20260407DOC041

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

Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Utilities Easement from Haval Farms, LLC, for property located at 12474 North River Ranch Trail, Parrish BC20260407DOC042

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

Executed and authorized recording of Easement to Florida Power and Light (FPL) for property located at 5303 25th Street West, Bradenton BC20260407DOC043

35. **PUBLIC SAFETY/AGREEMENT**

Executed the Modified Opioid Impact Grant Services Agreement with the School District of Manatee County, for the Strong Futures Program and approval of a no-cost extension allowing program implementation beginning August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, utilizing the previously approved FY25/26 Opioid Impact Grant allocation of \$250,703 BC20260407DOC044

36. **PUBLIC WORKS/SIGNS**

Authorized installing a multi-way stop for the intersection of 30th Street West at 52nd Avenue Drive West BC20260407DOC045

37. **PUBLIC WORKS/SPEED HUMP**

Authorized Public Works staff to install a temporary speed hump on 62nd Street East between 32nd Avenue East and 44th Avenue East BC20260407DOC046

38. **PUBLIC WORKS/SPEED HUMP**

Authorized Public Works staff to install three temporary speed humps on 51st Street East between 30th Avenue East and 44th Avenue East BC20260407DOC047

40. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT**

Executed the Well Credit Purchase and Transfer Agreement with McClure Properties. Ltd., for Groundwater Use Capacity BC20260407DOC048

41. **UTILITIES/FEE TIPPING WAIVER**

Authorized a Tipping Fee Waiver at the Lena Road Landfill for Cortez Shoreline Clean Up by Fishermen of Florida for waste found on the shoreline of Cortez BC20260407DOC049

(End Consent Agenda)


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


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Patricia Simmons discussed the history of legislation regarding disabled citizens and inclusion in sports.



John Agnelli addressed the need for a community center in Parrish.


 Garrett Ramy submitted a complaint and addressed public notice signs for land use items and posed complaints through 311 regarding Mosaic and Code Enforcement issues.


 David Grothus spoke about crimes against women and the Department of Justice, illegal sanctuary States, the Constitution of the United States, and crimes by illegal aliens.

Cynthia Cam requested an ordinance protecting raptor birds that are dying from exposure to pesticides and suggested holding off voting on the Comprehensive Plan amendments until after the election.

 Elizabeth Arnold suggested hiring a new Deputy County Administrator, even with the hiring freeze.

Betty Sales Rhodes expressed concern with the need to have Turning Points open on Saturday, so the homeless can bathe and receive meals.

 Andra Griffin addressed decorum during meetings and urged the County to hire Americans first.

 Dalton Nelson stressed the need to improve stormwater management.

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

Discussion ensued regarding urging Commissioners to speak with Public Works regarding bringing more projects forward to clear creeks and canals, and America First is already in place for hiring.

(Additional Citizen Comments taken later in the meeting)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

17. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/GRANT**

Commissioner McCann questioned when the donation from Mosaic was received.

 Traci Adams, Deputy Director, Community and Veterans Services, explained the County received funding from the Manatee Community Foundation.

Veronica Thames, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Manatee Community Foundation, explained how their foundation receives funds and how recipients are chosen. A commitment was made to fund and develop affordable housing initiatives. Mosaic is not the only donor. The fund is much larger than \$300,000 with multiple donors.

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


A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 5-1, with Commissioner McCann voting nay to:


- Accept a Grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the Manatee Community Foundation; and authorize the County Administrator or designee to deposit the funds for the first installment of \$100,000 and execute any related documents.

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(Depart Commissioner Bearden)

20. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/RESOLUTION**

 Claudia Campos, Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO), stated the TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) act requires any private company that wants to use tax exempt financing must come before the local government for transparency and compliance. There is no cost to the County.

 Kate Stangel, Florida Development Finance Cooperation (FDFC), explained there must be an interlocal agreement with any jurisdiction in which debt is financed.

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


A motion was made by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Chairman Siddique to adopt Resolution R-26-019 approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds by the FDFC, in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000,000, as requested by Waste Pro USA, Inc., for projects located within Manatee County. The improvements include the purchase of (or reimbursement for) new or upgraded collection vehicles, solid waste containers, compactors, and related equipment, as well as improvements to land, buildings, and other facilities used for solid waste operations. Authorizing the execution and delivery of a resolution consenting to the bond issuance in accordance with the terms of the Interlocal Agreement previously entered into by the parties in May 1988. The motion carried 5-0, with Commissioner Bearden absent.

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(Enter Commissioner Bearden)

23. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/LONG-TERM CARE PROPOSAL**

Commissioner McCann provided a history of the spill at Piney Point and questioned the final closure.

 Patrick Shea, Utilities Director, explained the runoff is monitored for long-term care. The receivership manages the site, and the water is pumped into the well. The final closure is in November, and the last Gypsum stack will be closed. This is a passthrough, the Board approves the cost, and the receivership reimburses the County.


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

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 6-0, to:

- Authorize the Purchasing Official to execute Long-Term Care Proposal to Agreement 24-R083613CD for Operational Support Services for Piney Point Treatment Plant and Deep Injection Well, and accept and date the subsequent Public Construction Bond with CIP Solutions, authorizing an additional \$1,296,446.31 to the contract amount; and
- Adopt Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-067, amending the annual budget for FY26.

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30. **NATURAL RESOURCES/GRANT**


 Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Director, explained if the grant is not received, they will seek other funding to purchase the replacement work vessel, which would come before the Board for approval. The current vessel is deemed unsafe.


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

A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Chairman Siddique, and carried 6-0, to:

- Authorize the submission of a West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) grant application; and
- Authorize the Chairman, the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, the Director of Natural Resources, any of their designees, Director of Government Relations, any of their designees, and the Grant Division Manager to execute all necessary subsequent documents related to the grant submission. BC20260407DOC054

52. **GRANTMAKING AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW**


 Commissioner Ballard noted there is a limited number of dollars for the most vulnerable residents, and there is a question as to how much of this funding is going to illegal aliens. The intention is to roll this out for adult non-profit services, see what the issues are, and then move forward. Have non-profit organizations include in their contracts that they abide by 8 USC 1621, and they are not using County funds for people who are here illegally.


 Discussion ensued regarding if the intent is to change the law, is this creating a larger burden on staff, no non-profits are going out of their way to offer service to illegal aliens, include contractual language that anyone receiving County funds is complying with 8 USC 1621, and the non-profits agree, this is not something Children's Services has reviewed, tax payer funds could have been used for people who are not eligible for the funding, this is a federal law, and the State complies, the State needs to verify that the organizations are not violating this law, County is trying to lower costs with a hiring freeze, private organizations can use privately obtained funds however they want, staff would need to evaluate every non-profit and the funding they receive and how the money is being spent, how is the procedure envisioned, attestation by the non-profit agency, and if there is none, County staff would perform an audit, non-profits make a good faith effort to comply by the law, there are exemptions for health care, soup kitchens, and crisis counseling, all non-profits come before the Board, that in makes the decision to provide the funding, County has no enforcement over federal law, there is no proof that the non-profits are violating the law, and would like to know the breakdown of spending on illegal aliens.

 Katie Becker, Executive Director Parenting Matters, expressed concern regarding this item and setting a policy that could limit services.


 Jose Claudio supported human rights, and opposed this item.

 Ruth Beltran opposed the item and encouraged Manatee County to focus on helping residents.


 Chairman Siddique acknowledged funding is not being taken away from non-profits due to this item.

 David Grothus encouraged respect for the U.S. Constitution, and the need for the County to uphold U.S. laws.

 Betty Sales Rhodes discussed the clientele at Turning Points and discouraged racism.


 Anthony Sciuillo addressed administrative burdens that will shift staff hours from an agency's purpose to administrative work, opposed the item, and questioned which programs are not following the law.


Ruth Harenchar, President, League of Women Voters, stressed the extra burden on non-profits to police immigration status.


 Marisol Garcia, Kim's Crew, opposed the item, and stressed the need to provide food to those in need.

John Agnelli stated the Boys and Girls Club abides by laws, asked for clarity regarding the item, and questioned serving students enrolled in schools.


Annie Arbinger relayed the burden this item would put on non-profit organizations.

 Dave Hillshire stressed that all men are created equal, and non-profits do not need the added burden of policing federal law.

 Sheldon Jones opposed the item since this is a federal law, and non-profits should not have added administrative burdens.

 Charles Smith opposed the item.

 Kelly Kershner relayed the law and opposed the item.

 Kendra Simpkins Walsh opposed the item and relayed the need for veterans to not have obstacles to needed funding.

Katherine Cramer, Turning Points, stressed that they are not fully funded by Manatee County, and they will continue to serve Manatee County residents who are in need.

Veronica Thames, Manatee Community Foundation, stressed working together with non-profits.

Amy Yent, Step-Up Suncoast, explained their services allow families to overcome hardships and is opposed to the item.


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


Discussion ensued regarding impacts to non-profits, this is an important issue, there is still much to figure out and need to work collaboratively with non-profits to not put a burden on them, even non-citizens pay taxes, preventive care is more important, burden of proof for citizens to show their citizenship when they have limited resources, table this item, need a sensible policy regarding immigration, understand the intent, everything can be challenged in court, and non-profit services can be considered critical care, non-profits are doing a good job, and work on a solution that works for everyone. BC20260407DOC055


RECESS/RECONVENE: 12:55 p.m. - 2:05 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

53. **RENEWAL OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT**


Chairman Siddique acknowledged the County Administrator's (Charlie Bishop) contract was coming up for renewal in August, and the original contract and amendments have been attached to the agenda, as well as a spreadsheet comparing County Administrator salaries in other counties. Cost of living increases in the proposed new contract are based on the same formula as increases in Commissioner salaries.

 Discussion ensued regarding this is not a balanced contract, should be a simple majority vote for termination without cause, automatic salary increases should be divided by key metrics to ensure Mr. Bishop receives the adjustment he deserves, not necessarily based on population, equating emergency overtime pay, County Administrator works s24/7, maximum deferred compensation, indefinite contract term, need accountability, want to make the contract work, Mr. Bishop is responsive and is steering the County in a good direction, go with a staff cost-of-living increase, rather than Commissioner increase, employees need to take vacation and should not include unlimited renewal of vacation time, decision must be made by June 15, follow rules for non-chartered counties, stipulation regarding Commissioner Aides that they work for Commissioners and not the administration, be consistent with the County Attorney's contract, salaried employees do not get emergency pay, sick leave pay forfeited by employees, so County Administrator should have the same, and current contract mirrors the new one regarding Commissioner Aides.

 Chairman Siddique noted Mr. Bishop's leadership has been steady, and the intent is to not fill the third Deputy County Administrator position; therefore, everyone is taking on a larger load. There must be a solid termination clause. Citizens and employees want stability. The lack of a specific end date is due to Mr. Bishop being close to retirement.

 Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, noted the contract does not mention Commissioner Aides. Compensatory Time refers back to the employee manual, and there is a graduated scale for sick-leave pay-out. The County Administrator is paid for emergency time, minus the first 120 hours of work during an emergency.

Discussion continued regarding how a salaried employee gets emergency time.

 Rob Eschenfelder, Attorney representing Mr. Bishop, stated Mr. Bishop is fine with the simple majority vote for the termination clause, the Board can have cause to terminate, and the 20 weeks comes from Florida Statute, Mr. Bishop wants to ensure the increase formula reduces any criticism due to him setting employee salaries, Mr. Bishop intends to retire in two to four years, which is why there is no end date. The County Administrator serves at the will of the Board, emergency pay is in the current contract, Commissioners do not work during emergencies, as they have Emergency Management to do this, and the legislature sets the Commissioner's pay. He and Mr. Bishop will work with the County Attorney regarding any changes. Typically, the Chairman is tasked with working with the County Attorney on contract terms. It was decided to have legal counsel in attendance to represent Mr. Bishop. The super majority can be removed from the termination clause.

Ms. D'Agostino explained a clean contract needs to come back to the Board prior to June 15. Items to consider:

- Term of Contract – Board Direction to be open ended, no change
- Termination Clause, simple majority vote (4) from super majority vote (5)

- Changes to salary, no longer an automatic adjustment based on what the Board gets, but keep at the discretion of the Board based on annual review process (there is currently nothing in the contract regarding annual reviews)

Mr. Eschenfelder noted the need to specify a cost-of-living increase.

Discussion continued that not everyone gets a cost-of-living increase, merit-based salary increase would be up to the Board, institute evaluations and perhaps add a point system, emergency pay is in the employee manual, there needs to be a resolution regarding emergency pay, emergency pay has been in the contract since the beginning, emergency hours are reimbursable from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the staff evaluations could also be used for the County Administrator.

Ms. D'Agostino explained that the salary increase will not be based on population but based on performance. The emergency compensation will be addressed with Mr. Eschenfelder. The Board does not want an unlimited vacation payout.

Judy Carkoff appreciated putting together a formal review process.


 Cynthia Keel agreed with having emergency pay.

 Garrett Ramy expressed concern regarding items being decided on without public input and the need for whistle blower protection.

John Dunn disagreed with the contract as is, including emergency pay, compensatory pay, and no expiration date.

 Heidi Minihkeim, asked for Mr. Bishop's termination, due to no action on certain items.

Charles Smith disagreed with the contract, specifically compensatory time and emergency pay.


 Elizabeth Jefferson disagreed with renewing the contract due to issues in the Myakka area. The citizens should have a say on the contract.

Elizabeth Arnold does not agree with giving emergency pay to a salaried employee.

 Julie Madison expressed concern with Mr. Bishop being the County Administrator.


 Melody Reed opposed the contract.


Eddie Spear appreciated the details discussed, but expressed concerned with emergency pay, and other clauses in the contract.


 Anthony Sciuolo stated the team performance has improved, and supports the contract with the recommended changes.

 Misty Evans expressed concern regarding Mr. Bishop's performance.


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 David Daniels requested Mr. Bishop's County phone record and stated Mr. Bishop did not use his County issued phone for official business.


 Glen Gibellina suggested taking a step back from the renewal of the County Administrator contract and discussed unanswered emails, and accountability.

 Lindsey Leigh stated that rules are optional depending on who you are, and questioned Mr. Bishop's absence during this discussion.

 Charlene Kow encouraged a shorter contract extension until a new Board is seated.

 Dena Sabou expressed concern with executing this contract during an election year and the amount of the salary.

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

 Discussion ensued regarding this is an at-will contract, add a termination date, the Board agreed there are terms that need to be addressed, and the public will have the opportunity to review the contract, everyone is eligible for emergency pay, and Mr. Bishop is paying for his own attorney to negotiate on his behalf. BC20260407DOC056

(Depart Commissioner Bearden)

45. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/LETTER**

Charles Meador, Property Management, used a slide presentation to review the request for an 11-acre parcel. After conveyance of the property, the County retains the right to lease back from Turning Points, at no cost to the County, for up to three (3) years to continue warehouse and fleet operations, and for other County needs as necessary, with the option to extend the lease for up to an additional two (2) years.

Kathleen Cramer, Turning Points, used a slide presentation to review plans for the property, to include the development of a non-profit campus for shared social services, including charitable organizations and community facing social enterprises to support the homeless. This is the early visioning phase, with listening sessions for the community. This is unlike any other project in the State.

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, noted an updated letter was prepared for the item. The Letter of Intent is the first step.

Ms. Cramer requested additional time now to raise funds.


Mayor Gene Brown, City of Bradenton, supported the request.


 Glen Gibellina expressed concern regarding the conveyance.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard, seconded by Commissioner Rahn, and carried 5-0, with Commissioner Bearden absent, to execute a Non-Binding Letter of Intent between Manatee County and Community Coalition on Homelessness Corporation, d/b/a/ Turning Points, for a portion of the property located at 2903 12th Street Court East. Bradenton. BC20260407DOC057


46. **UTILITIES/RESOLUTION**

 Jim Renneberg, Deputy Utilities Director, used a slide presentation to review curbside bulk pickup, Commissioner direction to implement a 12-month pilot program for residential customers for bulk collection starting May 1, 2026, bulk collection of two items per household per month at a regularly scheduled time, the second program is annual bulk collection up to 10 cubic yards, outline of the bulk pickup pilot program, communication efforts to residents, and ongoing engagement with residents.


 Discussion ensued regarding no extra fees for 12 months, will there be a separate truck for bulk pickup and who does the manual labor, companies using rear loading trucks to accommodate large pieces of furniture, residents will not have to put items in truck themselves, Utilities deferring projects to cover the pilot program cost, positive move for residents, safer to see how much of an impact this will have on the community, haulers have limited equipment, deferring remodel of existing building and a bypass lane came in lower than the original bid used to lower costs, and updates will be provided to the Board.

Patrick Shea, Utilities Director, noted good metrics will be presented to the Board, and staff will do all they can to make the program successful.

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

 A motion was made by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Ballard to:

- Adopt Resolution R-26-045;
- Approve Associated Service Levels and Compensation to Franchise Haulers; and
- Execute Amendment 3 of the Franchise Hauler Agreements with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., and Waste Management, Inc., of Florida.

 Garrett Ramy questioned if the Board received other bids and does not agree with the single bin collection.

Heidi Minihkeim noted the contracts need to be renegotiated and requested twice-a-week pick up.


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

Discussion ensued regarding the easiest thing to do to help citizens is to have the bulk pick up, evaluate how much this is going to cost and see if it is successful, different price points, and there are limited companies that perform trash pickup.

The motion carried 5-0, with Commissioner Bearden absent.

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42. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

 Traci Adams, Community and Veterans Service, Deputy Director, explained they are seeking to Appoint Members to the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB).

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

Nomination – Citizen with expertise in business development, finance, and/or operations
Melissa Carman was appointed as a Citizen with expertise in business development, finance, and/or operations to ASAB.

Nominations – Citizen representing non-profit organization/agency/voluntary association focused on care, handling or rescue of domestic animals (three seats)

Lilly Bibiana Salmon Wetzel by Commissioner Ballard
Carol Whitmore by Commissioner Kruse
Katie Demic by Commissioner Rahn
Stacey Patrick by Commissioner McCann

Nominations were closed, and Lilly Bibiana Salmon Wetzel, Carol Whitmore, and Katie Demick were appointed by majority vote.

Nominations – Five Volunteer Seats

Dena Sabou by Commissioner Kruse
Wendy Gonzalez by Commissioner Rahn
David Daniels by Chairman Siddique
Kim Burnner by Chairman Siddique
Kerri Hughes by Commissioner McCann


Nominations were closed, and Dena Sabou, Wendy Gonazalez, David Daniels, Kim Brunner, and Kerri Hughes were appointed to the ASAB.

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47. **PUBLIC WORKS/ORDINANCE**

Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, introduced the item.


Vishal Kakkad, Traffic Engineering Division Manager, submitted a map of areas with no through trucks restrictions. Residents along 37th Street East have voiced their concerns over truck traffic in this area and have requested to restrict commercial vehicle traffic. Based on those requests, staff conducted a review to evaluate the area. Consideration was given to the roadway conditions, roadway functional classification, adjacent land use, and alternate routes.


 Mr. Butzow noted thoroughfares are meant for through traffic. The proposal is to stop truck traffic for this section of 37th Street East from S.R. 70 to 38th Avenue East. No-through-trucks is not always the best solution for every circumstance. Businesses on this portion of 37th Street East, can use their trucks.

(Depart Commissioner Rahn)

 Discussion ensued regarding the definition of trucks.

 Nick Gerken displayed photographs of roadway degradation.


 John Taylor, Taylor Nursery, uses commercial trucks on this road, and the addition of 44th Avenue East allows them to avoid S.R. 70, closing this road to trucks will make it difficult for them to conduct business, and residents on 37th Street East have agricultural businesses on their property.

 Danielle Taylor opposed this proposal and noted the consequences to businesses on 37th Street East.

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

Mr. Butzow corrected the location to 34th Avenue East. He confirmed businesses on 37th Street East have the right to receive deliveries and the right to have their trucks on the road, but staff needs to confirm with the Sheriff's Office that businesses on the road will not be affected.

Discussion ensued regarding clarifying that businesses located on 37th Street East will not be affected, this is just a proposal, and an ordinance will be presented later.


 A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner Ballard, and carried 3-1, with Commissioner McCann voting nay, and Commissioners Bearden and Rahn absent, to authorize staff to prepare an ordinance to define and restrict truck traffic by commercial vehicles on 37th Street East from State Road 70 East to 38th Avenue East and advertise for adoption of the ordinance through a public hearing at a regular Board meeting.


Discussion ensued to determine the size of trucks that will be prohibited. BC20260407DOC060


RECESS/RECONVENE: 5:26 p.m. - 5:36 p.m. All Commissioners were present except Commissioners Bearden and Rahn.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS


48. **ANIMAL SERVICES**

 Bryan Parnell, Deputy County Administrator, explained 56 dogs were moved from the Palmetto location to Bishop Animal Shelter and the Jail, 45 went to Bishop and the others went to the Jail. The Sheriff is running the program at the Jail. None of the dogs were injured in transport, but there were some minor abrasions due to sharp edges at Bishop. Commissioner McCann requested someone from Animal Service report on the injuries to dogs. Animal Services staff moved the dogs in vans.


 A motion was made by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Kruse, to direct staff at Animal Services to provide detailed information on how many dogs were moved to the jail, when were they moved, who directed the move, who performed evaluations on the dogs prior to the move, and what evaluations were completed post move.

 John Dunn expressed concern if safety and welfare improvements were made prior to the dogs being moved. There must be transparency.

 Garrett Ramy expressed frustration regarding unsafe conditions for the animals.

 Misty Evans expressed dissatisfaction with conditions at the shelter, the need for proper fencing, shade for the dogs, and more research should have been done using Palmetto as a model for the kennels at Bishop.

Heidi Minihkeim objected to the design of the kennels and requested accountability. Larger Bully breeds need more space, and the latches on the kennels are too high to reach.

 David Daniels noted the kennels are not what was promised, and the volunteers have more experience than the staff. Care for dogs is constant, and volunteers are needed.

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

The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioners Rahn and Bearden absent. BC20260407DOC061

49. **RIVER CLUB ROADS**

Commissioner McCann explained residents in River Club requested the roads be repaved, since this has not been done in over 20 years. This area serves two schools and over 1,000 residences.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, seconded by Commissioner Kruse, and carried 6-0 to resurface the roads of River Club, which serves two schools and approximately 1,000 residential homes, where numerous large potholes have developed throughout the area and continue to expand as temporary patches deteriorate and patching efforts have failed to address the underlying issues of the roadways, presenting significant safety hazards including vehicle damage and increased risk of accidents involving pedestrians, school traffic, and other motorists.

Discussion ensued regarding this is not the way a project is added to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), repaving is expensive, other repaving projects have been removed from the CIP due to other priority projects, and what repaving projects in District 5 can be traded for this project.

Commissioner McCann amended the motion to add this to the CIP in the order it needs to be done. Commissioner Kruse agreed to the amendment.

Chad Butzow, Public Works Director, explained the total budget for resurfacing is \$6 million and the worst roads are repaved first. Repaving all the roads in River Club will cost over \$4 million.

Discussion continued to fix things that we have now, and CIP funding needs to go to canal cleaning and maintaining what we have, rather than adding new roads.


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

Garrett Ramy questioned if Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds can be used to repave the roads since the damage was caused by flooding.

The amended motion carried 4-0, with Commissioners Bearden and Rahn absent.

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50. **MYAKKA RIVER BASIN**

 Commissioner McCann questioned who are the employees hired for the Myakka River Basin work and when they will begin the work.


 Discussion ensued regarding not identifying names, due to protecting the employees.


Bryan Parnell noted two techs have been hired, in Environmental Planning for review, enforcement, and proactive measures. They will work with Code Enforcement. There are a total of three techs, and they work throughout the entire County, not just this area. Training took place within the last three months.


Discussion ensued regarding having specific employees to work on the Myakka River.


A motion was made by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Kruse, to have Nicole Knapp and Charlie Bishop bring this back and clarify what is going on related to the request from September 16, 2025, regarding positions hired to work on the Myakka River.


Garrett Ramy displayed a map of the Myakka Head Waters and questioned how the basin can be protected when there is mining at Myakka Head.

 Heidi Minihkeim referenced documents regarding the job descriptions for the two new hires. These employees need to work on the Myakka River to clear the pollution.

 John Dunn opposed the positions being county wide and not directly working on the Myakka River.

 Elizabeth Arnold expressed frustration that the two hires are not solely working on the Myakka River and requested a timeline for when the work will begin.

 Glen Gibellina reviewed the positions and would like to see wetland and wildlife protection and review of Terra Nova, added to the duties of the new hires. The Myakka River should be their priority.

 Lindsey Leigh questioned the job description of the new hires, and stressed the intent was not to hire planners, but individuals to concentrate on the Myakka River.

The motion carried 4-0, with Commissioners Rahn and Bearden absent.

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

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(Depart Chairman Siddique; First Vice-Chairman Ballard presiding. A work session convened due to lack of a quorum)

51. **SENATE BILL 180**

Commissioner McCann pulled the item due to no quorum and will research and present this later.

A motion is not required to speak with the County Attorney or County Administrator to present findings of his question regarding the review of federal jurisdiction findings that supersede Senate Bill (SB) 180 by federal preemption.


Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, noted staff and the County Attorney do not usually engage in lengthy discussion with Commissioners without specific direction. This case (no official citation) is not related to SB 180, as it does not involve wetlands, but relates to protected species, and permits being issued related to clean water and violations by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers.

 Discussion ensued regarding the federal government looking at taking over the jurisdiction of wetlands and the coastline, the federal government is looking to preempt any permits, and there will be lawsuits.

Garrett Ramy presented an email regarding the jurisdiction of the wetlands, the State asked the federal government to intercede and questioned why staff is not acting on this or returning emails.

John Dunn addressed SB 180 being used as an excuse for the County to move forward with development. He requested the community be proactive to protect wetlands.

 Cynthia Keogh stressed the need to protect natural resources, and the laws of Florida, and noted it is the duty of the State to protect natural resources.

 Heidi Minihkeim stated wetlands contain federally protected species; therefore, they must be protected.


 Dalton Nelson encouraged the Board to continue to protect wetlands.

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

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CITIZEN COMMENTS (Future Agenda Items Only, continued from earlier in the meeting)

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, was granted permission to not attend the work session on April 8, 2026.

 Heidi Minihkeim spoke to the Montgomery Ranch Cluster Homeowners' Association (HOA). The property is 46 percent wetlands, adding 52 homes, and expressed concern regarding the potential golf course, and pumping excess water into the wetlands causing flooding.

Sloane McAllister addressed the Montgomery Ranch Cluster HOA, and the negative effects it will have on the Myakka River, as well as traffic impacts.

There being no further public comment, First Vice-Chairman Ballard closed public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

 Commissioner McCann

- Requested the Dementia project be worked on immediately.

Commissioner Ballard

- Announced she was invited to attend the “Best Practices for Addiction Treatment within Homelessness” White House Summit on April 13–14, in Washington, D.C.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, First Vice-Chairman Ballard, adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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