MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
September 22, 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 Mark Gibbens, Mill Creek Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cameron Lochner, Senior Veterans Services Counselor and Marine Corps Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA BC20260922DOC001

Agenda Update Memorandum 1 (9/17/26) BC20260922DOC002

Generic Public Comments – Updated with additional generic comments BC20260922DOC003

- Item 1, Proclamation – POW/MIA Recognition Month Day – Updated to reflect that it will be presented
- Item 3, Proclamation – Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month – Updated to reflect that it will not be presented
- Item 5, Approval of the Clerk's Consent Agenda dated September 22, 2026 – Updated with revised Clerk's Consent Calendar and Minutes of September 1, 2026
- Item 7, Adoption of Resolution R-26-124, authorizing Submission and Acceptance of the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula Award for Manatee County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Needs – Updated to include the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government
- Item 8, Adoption of Resolution R-26-125, amending the 2024-2027 Local Housing Assistance Plan to Add a Mobile/Manufactured Housing Strategy Required by Chapter 2026-173, Laws of Florida (SB 594) – Updated with revised Resolution R-26-125, which deleted reference(s) to Exhibit E
- Item 10, Adoption of Resolution R-26-132 on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Multifamily

Housing Revenue Bonds (Lotus Vyne Project), in the principal amount of not to exceed $71,775,045 (the Bonds) – Updated with revised Cover Sheet in strikethrough/underline format and Resolution R-26-132

- Item 29, Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-112, and Execution of Deed of Rural Lands Protection Easement for Mossy Island Ranch in Partnership with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Rural and Family Lands Protection Program – Updated with revised Deed of Rural Lands Protection Easement for Mossy Island Ranch
- Item 30, Adoption of Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-113, and Execution of Deed of Rural Lands Protection Easement for Thundercloud Ranch in Partnership with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Rural and Family Lands Protection Program – Updated with revised Deed of Rural Lands Protection Easement for Thundercloud Ranch
- Item 35, Adoption of Resolution R-26-123, authorizing Public Safety Department to Participate in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program with State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration – Updated with finalized Resolution R-26-123 with Exhibit A, Form of Agreement Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement and Cover Sheet in strikethrough/underline format
- Item 36, Adoption of Resolution R-26-128, Low Income Pool and Graduate Medical Education Program Funding – Updated to revise the Cover Sheet in strikethrough and underline format; and add Resolution R-26-128, Low Income Pool Letter of Agreements for MCR Health and Centerstone and Graduate Medical Education Letter of Agreement for Centerstone
- Item 45, Adoption of Ordinance 26-36, regulating Simulated Gambling Devices and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Updated to change the presenter from Tom Wooten, Code Enforcement Chief, to Stephanie Charles, Development Services Deputy Director
- Item 46, Adoption of Ordinance 26-42, Data Center Moratorium – PLN2609-0022 – Legislative – An Ordinance Manatee County, Florida establishing a temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments related to data centers, large-scale data centers and other large load customers within unincorporated Manatee County; providing for authority; legislative findings of fact; temporary moratorium imposed; duration of temporary moratorium; providing for severability; and an effective date – Updated with the Affidavit of Publishing, Revised Ordinance 26-42, and public comments
- Item 49, Execution of License Agreement with Sema Construction, Inc., concerning a portion of County property located in Cortez, Florida 34215 – Deferred to October 6, 2026

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Agenda Update Memorandum 2 (9/21/26) BC20260922DOC005

Generic Public Comments – Updated with additional comments

- Item 21, Authorization for staff to record Satisfactions of Multiple Code Enforcement Liens – Updated to change the presenter to Stephanie Charles, Development Services Deputy Director
- Item 22, Authorization for Staff to Record the Satisfaction of Lien for Case Number CE2018010290 – Updated to change the presenter to Stephanie Charles, Development Services Deputy Director
- Item 26, Authorization to Allocate Additional Departmental Budgeted Funding to Blanket Purchase Order T2400728 for Backflow Preventer Services Backflow Acquisition Corp. – Updated to change the presenter to Patrick Shea, Utilities Director

- Item 28, Execution of Agreement 26-R090428LP for Pump Storage Building – Updated to change the presenter to Patrick Shea, Utilities Director
- Item 31, Execution of Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease between Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida and Manatee County for submerged property known as the Kingfish Boat Ramp – Updated with the correct Request for Legal Services Response
- Item 39, Approval and Execution of the Third Amendment to Cooperative Agreement for Central County Complex with Musgrave Real Estate Holding, Limited Partnership – Updated to move this item from the Consent Agenda to Regular; and include the finalized Third Amendment to Cooperative Agreement, which had a minor change to Section II, Extension and Waiver Justification, CAO Email Confirmation for Tracked Changes, and a revision to the Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name Section to correct the dollar amount from $250,000 to $225,000
- Item 45, Adoption of Ordinance 26-36, regulating Simulated Gambling Devices and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Updated with revised Ordinance 26-36 correcting scrivener's errors relative to the Florida Administrative Code in Sections 2-21-151, paragraph 5, and 2-21-154, paragraph 4; and correcting the Action Requested to reflect Execution of the Memorandum of Understanding instead of Adoption of
- Item 50, Report on the Duette Preserve Hunt Program – Updated with revised Presentation Outline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, stated all updates were published with the online agenda. Additional changes were received after the publishing for Item 24, adoption of Resolution R-26-121, authorizing execution of the First Amendment to the County's Revenue Improvement Note, Series 2024B. Item 24 was moved from the Consent to the Regular Agenda for a presentation. Item 45, adoption of Ordinance 26-36, regulating Simulated Gambling Devises and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has a corrected MOU due to a typographical error.

PROCLAMATIONS

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

1. Proclamation designating September 18, 2026, as POW/MIA Recognition Day, was accepted by Veterans of Assembly 3192 in Lakewood Ranch. BC20260922DOC006

2. Proclamation designating September 22, 2026, as I Voted Sticker Winner Day, was accepted by Sticker Contest winner, Faith Simpson, member of the Boys and Girls Club of Manatee County, for creating Manatee County's 2026 I Voted Sticker. The sticker was displayed. BC20260922DOC007

4. Proclamation designating September 22, 2026, as Stand Against Veteran Suicide Day BC20260922DOC008

3. Proclamation designating September 22, 2026, as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, was read by Chairman Siddique. BC20260922DOC009

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were pulled.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Consent Agenda Only)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner Rahn, and carried 6-0, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes incorporated in the Agenda Update Memorandum.

5. **CLERK'S CONSENT** BC20260922DOC010

A. **WARRANT LISTING**

Accepted Warrant (Check) Listing for the Month of August 2026, issued by Finance Department BC20260922DOC011

B. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of June 4, and September 1 (revised), 2, and 3, 2026

C. **REFUNDS**

Approved:

1. Benderson Development Company LLC – Final Site Plan, $3,000 BC20260922DOC012
2. Bradenton 315 APL MP LLC – Credit Balance, $5,469.40 BC20260922DOC013
3. Forestar USA Real Estate Group – Credit Balance, $1,300 BC20260922DOC014
4. Gulf Coast Turnkey Properties LLC – Credit Balance, $1,279.72 BC20260922DOC015
5. John D. Lawson – Credit Balance, $1,412.64 BC20260922DOC016
6. KB Home Tampa LLC – Utility Fees, $799 BC20260922DOC017
7. LL Alliance LLC – Credit Balance, $1,210.67 BC20260922DOC018
8. Rycon Construction, Inc. – Credit Balance, $7,918.65 BC20260922DOC019
9. Taylar Colangelo – Credit Balance, $1,220.92 BC20260922DOC020

D. **REPORTS**

Accepted:

1. Parrish Fire Rescue – FY26/27 Budget and Resolution 2026-05 adopting the budget BC20260622DOC021

6. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/SETTLEMENT**

Authorized the County Attorney's Office to take no action regarding: a) Plaintiff, Hilaire Michael Vandooren, III's, Proposal for Settlement in the amount of $200,000; b) Plaintiff, Hilaire Michael Vandooren, Jr.'s Proposal for Settlement in the amount of $200,000; and c) Virginia Ann Vandooren's, Proposal for Settlement in the amount of $200,000, each of which was served on Manatee County on August 27, 2026; and, to allow each of the three Proposals for Settlement to expire in the matter of Hilaire Michael Vandooren, III, Hilaire Michael Vandooren, Jr., and Virginia Ann Vandooren, Case 2026-CA-000841 BC20260922DOC022

7. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/FY26 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

- Adopted Resolution R-26-124, authorizing submission and acceptance of Manatee County's FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula allocation, a noncompetitive federal formula award for which Manatee County has been identified as an eligible direct recipient in an amount not to exceed $120,475;
- Authorized to use the allocation, as recommended by the Public Safety Coordinating Council on September 16, 2026, for replacement of vocational laundry and pressing equipment at Manatee County Central Jail;

- Executed required Chief Executive Certification and Certifications and Assurances; and
- Authorized County Administrator, or designee, to execute documents necessary to submit, accept, and administer the award BC20260922DOC023

8. **COMMUNITY AND VETERAN'S SERVICES/2024-2027 LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN**

Adopted Resolution R-26-125, amending the 2024–2027 Local Housing Assistance Plan, to add a Mobile/Manufactured Housing Strategy required by Chapter 2026-173, Laws of Florida (SB 594) BC20260922DOC024

9. **COMMUNITY AND VETERAN'S SERVICES/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS**

Adopted Resolution R-26-131, on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, in the principal amount not to exceed $75,000,000 (the Bonds), pursuant to a plan of financing BC20260922DOC025

10. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS**

Adopted Resolution R-26-132, on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Lotus Vyne Project), in the principal amount not to exceed $71,775,045 (the Bonds) BC20260922DOC026

11. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS**

Adopted Resolution R-26-133, on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (DeSoto Apartments Project), in the principal amount not to exceed $30,000,000 (the Bonds) BC20260922DOC027

12. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS**

Adopted Resolution R-26-134, on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Luminara Place Project), in the principal amount not to exceed $70,000,000 (the Bonds) BC20260922DOC028

13. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS**

Adopted Resolution R-26-135, on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Harborline at Sarasota Project), in the principal amount not to exceed $67,000,000 (the Bonds) BC20260922DOC029

14. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS**

Adopted Resolution R-26-136, on behalf of the Housing Finance Authority of Manatee County (the Authority), approving the issuance within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the Authority's Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Orange on 14th Street Project), in the principal amount not to exceed $38,650,000 (the Bonds) BC20260922DOC030

15. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENT**

Executed Agreement to Terminate Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) For Advanta IRA Services LLC: Steven Dutoit IRA 8003882, for the Livable Manatee Homeownership Incentive Program 2206 53rd Avenue East, Bradenton, due to the perspective buyer's income exceeding eligibility requirements and given that no financial incentives were provided for the property BC20260922DOC031

16. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOME CARE FOR THE ELDERLY**

Executed Amendment 003 to State FY25/26 Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Agreement HCE-25/26-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc., decreasing Section 5, Source of Funds, by $40,811, as reflected in revised Budget Summary (Attachment III) BC20260922DOC032

17. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE INITIATIVE**

- Executed Amendment 001 to State FY26/27 Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) Agreement ADI-26/27-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc., increasing the funding amount by $65,728; and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-099, amending FY26 annual budget BC20260922DOC033

18. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY**

- Executed Amendment 001 to State FY 26/27 Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Agreement CCE-26/27-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc., increasing the funding amount by $53,407; and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-115, amending FY26 annual budget BC20260922DOC034

19. **COMMUNITY AND VETERANS SERVICES/HOME CARE FOR THE ELDERLY**

- Executed Amendment 001 to State FY 26/27 Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Agreement HCE-26/27-MAN with Senior Connection Center, Inc., increasing the funding amount by $17,988; and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-116 BC20260922DOC035

20. **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU/CITY OF BRADENTON BEACH DOCK REPAIR PROJECT**

Authorized County Administrator to execute Amendment Two to Interlocal Agreement with City of Bradenton Beach, for the Dock Repair Project, extending the termination date of the Agreement to September 30, 2027, and amending Exhibit A to update project scope, adding pier fence enhancement and wind abatement work for the water ferry queuing area, including repair of existing fence components and structural elements, installation of a wind abatement system, and procurement and installation of materials for repair or replacement (effective 10/1/26). Cost of pier fence enhancements not to exceed $50,000 and is included in the previously-approved $100,000 reimbursement amount for dock enhancements. Amendment Two does not increase the County's previously-approved funding commitment (all funds are Tourism Taxes, not Ad Valorem Taxes) BC20260922DOC036

21. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS**
- Authorized staff to record Satisfactions of Multiple Code Enforcement Liens (10); and
- Authorized County Administrator, or Nicole Knapp, Development Services Director, to execute the Satisfactions: CE2409-0428 (Lakewood Ranch RV Owner LP, $3,245.52); CE2407-0486 (Avery, Connie; Staples, Myrtle G, $1,391.38); CE2407-0827 (Gavin, Charles, $318.49); CE2409-0255 (Luppino, Phillip Charles, $213.44); CE2409-0265 (Raynor, William Eugene, $239.70); CE2409-0305 (Glesson, Dennis, Yarber, Elizabeth, $213.43); CE2411-0106 (White, Dean, Adams, Shirley nka Shirley L Boettcher, $239.70); CE2411-0524 (Koko, Kenneth J; Kokot, Sylvia A, $239.70); CE2501-0274 (Oaks Holdings 34639 LLC, $213.43); and CE2501-0488 (Harrison, Edith, $8,892.44) BC20260922DOC037

22. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN**
- Authorized staff to record Satisfaction of Lien for Case CE2018010290 (Maria Garcia), and
- Authorized County Administrator, or Nicole Knapp, Development Services Director, to execute the Satisfaction BC20260922DOC038

23. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS**
Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-107; and Budget Amendment Resolution B-26-111, for Infrastructure Sales Tax BC20260922DOC039

24. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/COUNTY REVENUE IMPROVEMENT NOTE, SERIES 2024B**
- Adopted Resolution R-26-121, authorizing the First Amendment to Non-Revolving Credit Agreement – Revenue Improvement Note, Series 2024B in an amount not to exceed $140,000,000; and
- Executed First Amendment with Wells Fargo Municipal Capital Strategies LLC BC20260922DOC040

25. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/PIGGYBACK BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER**
Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to allocate additional departmental budgeted funding to Blanket Purchase Order P2601144 with DeJonge Excavating Contractors, Inc., for Emergency Repairs and Installations of Utility Infrastructure BC20260922DOC041

26. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER**
Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to allocate additional departmental budgeted funding to Blanket Purchase Order T2400728 with Backflow Acquisition Corp., for Backflow Preventer Services BC20260922DOC042

27. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Agreement 26-R090083RB for Professional Services for the Owner's Advisor with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for utility-related projects throughout the County BC20260922DOC043

28. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT**
- Authorized Purchasing Official, or designee, to execute Agreement 26-R090428LP, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, SEMCO Construction, Inc., for Pump Storage Building, for a not-to-exceed amount of $529,671.91, based on a construction completion time of 180 calendar days from notice to proceed; and
- Accepted and dated Public Construction Bond BC20260922DOC044

29. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Executed Deed of Rural Lands Protection Easement for Mossy Island Ranch in partnership with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Rural and Family Lands Protection Program; and
- Adopted Budget Resolution B-26-112, amending the annual budget for FY26 and adjusting the FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) BC20260922DOC045

30. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Executed Deed of Rural Lands Protection Easement for Thundercloud Ranch in partnership with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Rural and Family Lands Protection Program; and
- Adopted Budget Resolution B-26-113, amending the annual budget for FY26 and adjusting the FY26-30 CIP BC20260922DOC046

31. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS**
Executed Sovereignty Submerged Lands Fee Waived Lease with Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida, for submerged property known as the Kingfish Boat Ramp BC20260922DOC047

32. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Executed Subordination Agreements for Temporary Easements (2) with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for Parcels 765.2 and 766.2, located on 14th Street West, Bradenton, to allow construction of FDOT's sidewalk project BC20260922DOC048

33. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
- Accepted and authorized recording of Warranty Deed from Collier Conway RD Sarasota LLC, for dedication of Shade Avenue Right-of-Way Improvements for a portion of frontage just north of University Parkway, located at 2347 University Parkway, Sarasota, associated with Big Dans Carwash; and
- Authorized recording of Partial Release from Regions Bank for Shade Avenue Right-of-Way Improvements BC20260922DOC049

34. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
Accepted and authorized recording of Warranty Deed from KH Woodland Preserve LLC, for property located at Woodland Preserve, Parrish (Parcel 491300129) BC20260922DOC050

35. **PUBLIC SAFETY/INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER PROGRAM**
- Adopted Resolution R-26-123, authorizing Manatee County's participation in the Florida Medicaid Managed Care Supplemental Payment Program;
- Approved the form of Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA); and
- Authorized Public Safety Director, or designee, to execute the Agreement and other related documents necessary to complete Manatee County's Year 8 participation in the Program BC20260922DOC051

36. **PUBLIC SAFETY/LOW INCOME POOL AND GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING**
Adopted Resolution R-26-128, authorizing Public Safety Director to sign Letters of Agreement (LOA) and other documents required to participate in the Low Income Pool and Graduate Medical Education Programs BC20260922DOC052

37. **PUBLIC SAFETY/COORDINATED OPIOID RECOVERY (CORE) PROGRAM**
- Approved Amendment 1 to Purchase Agreement PL274 with Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc. (CFBHN), for the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program; and
- Authorized County Administrator, or designee, to execute the Amendment and any subsequent agreements, amendments, or related documents necessary to continue and administer the CORE Program BC20260922DOC053

38. **PUBLIC WORKS/SPEED HUMPS**
Authorized Public Works staff to install speed humps on 47th Street W/NW between 3rd Avenue West and Riverview Boulevard (two temporary speed humps [trial period] at $3,000; and two permanent speed humps, signs, and pavement markings at $40,000, for a total cost of $43,000) BC20260922DOC054

40. **PUBLIC WORKS/CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**
Executed Construction and Maintenance Agreement with Legacy Preserve Neighborhood Homeowners Association, Inc., for Right-of-Way Improvements for Rye Ranch, Phases IIA, IIB, and IIC/Tract R-1 (Legacy Preserve Drive, James Trail, Hammock Trace Drive, Browning Loop, and Vandalia Place), to include irrigation, trees to include trimming, landscape/monument lighting, landscaping/shrubs/plants, sidewalk to include cleaning, sod to include mowing, traffic signs (decorative), and street lighting (decorative) BC20260922DOC055

41. **SPORTS AND LEISURE SERVICES/STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM**
- Adopted Resolution R-26-126, authorizing submission and acceptance of a State Aid to Libraries Grant; and
- Executed State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement with Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, under the State Aid to Library Program, for the period of October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027 (estimated grant amount for FY26/27 is $134,328) BC20260922DOC056

42. **SPORTS AND LEISURE SERVICES/PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNUAL PLAN OF SERVICE FOR FY27**
- Approved Manatee County Public Library System Annual Plan of Service for FY27; and
- Executed Annual Plan of Service by the County Administrator BC20260922DOC057

43. **SPORTS AND LEISURE SERVICES/CERTIFICATE OF CREDENTIALS – SINGLE LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD**
Executed Certification of Credentials to notify Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, about Manatee County Public Library's current County Librarian, Andrew T. Sulavik BC20260922DOC058

44. **UTILITIES/BAD DEBT WRITE OFF**
Authorized to write off bad debts of the Utilities Department not to exceed $704,746.97 in Fund 401 (Potable Water/Wastewater), and $230,485.48 in Fund 480 (Solid Waste), for a total of $935,232.45 BC20260922DOC059

(End Consent Agenda)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Future Agenda Items Only)

Kevin MacPherson spoke about a previous request to the Board (3/3/26) on the establishment of a 12-month pilot Manatee County Dementia Public Safety and Navigation Hub. The Board approved funding of $301,112 for the 12-month pilot beginning October 1, 2026, but these funds have not been received. The grant proposal identified $36,000 in anticipated savings from operating in a 1,000-1,500-square-foot space in a County building. Staff advised that County space is unavailable, and a facility solution has not been identified. To avoid delaying the pilot, the Hub located a commercial property and is preparing to enter a lease. BC20260922DOC060

Mike Meehan displayed Manatee County's restricted and unrestricted cash balances, questioned why the County proposes another .15 mill property tax levy for the Environmental Lands Acquisition referendum on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot, and suggested this program be funded from existing unrestricted cash. BC20260922DOC061

Christina Rogers was advised to speak later in the meeting on regulating Simulated Gambling Devices (Item 45).

Martha Jacobs requested the County Administrator's announcement of good news for Manatee County Animal Welfare (9/10/26) be disclosed at the next meeting, in addition to the fiscal and feasibility analysis update requested by Dr. McCann (7/28/26). She questioned what happened on September 15 to the good Samaritan who found dogs in crates under an overpass and took them after hours to the shelter. She also requested action on the next agenda for staff to coordinate with the Sheriff and Bradenton Police Department to publish an animal services hot line for after-hour animal emergencies.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed millage, there will be an update at the next meeting on the Bishop animal facility, and the suggestion of an animal drop-off box.

Commissioner Bearden stated he will provide a thumb drive containing information on all the expenses associated with the animal shelter once he reviews the contents.

(Further comments continued later in the meeting)

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS – LEGISLATIVE (Presentations Scheduled)

45. **ORDINANCE 26-36/SIMULATED GAMBLING DEVICES AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 26-36, regulating Simulated Gambling Devices and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Stephanie Charles, Development Services Deputy Director, summarized Ordinance 26-36, as outlined in the agenda packet.

Christina Rogers stated revenue could be generated for the County by imposing a $100-$150,000 annual license fee per establishment, a sticker fee for each simulated gambling machine, an occupancy tax, and fees for finger printing and background checks.

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

Discussion ensued that Florida counties cannot impose an occupancy tax, and license fees are implemented by the State.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCann, and seconded by Chairman Siddique, to adopt Ordinance 26-36.

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, recommended the motion be revised to adopt Ordinance 26-36 and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Manatee County Sheriff's office.

The motioner and seconder agreed, and the revised motion carried 6-0.

BC20260922DOC062

46. **ORDINANCE 26-42, DATA CENTER MORATORIUM**

A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 26-42, establishing a temporary moratorium on the submission and acceptance of applications for building permits, site plans, development orders, development agreements, special permit uses, rezoning, and comprehensive plan amendments related to data centers, large-scale data centers and other large load customers within unincorporated Manatee County; providing for authority; legislative findings of fact; temporary moratorium imposed; duration of temporary moratorium; providing for severability; and an effective date.

Jay Stearman, Planner, utilized a slide presentation to review the request, history, and background per Senate Bill 484, and background of data centers. The proposed change is a proactive moratorium on the acceptance of all data center-related development orders for the next 12 months so staff can review and recommend adoption of appropriate regulations and updates to the Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed positive considerations and consistency with the Land Development Code (LDC) and Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval with concerns of applicability within Sea Port Manatee and applicability to uses which are not data centers, but large-load customers.

Martha Jacobs spoke in support of a temporary moratorium and hopes Manatee County decides to enforce a permanent moratorium following the 12-month moratorium.

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

No Action is necessary. This is the first of two, required public hearings; the second public hearing is scheduled for October 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as same may be heard at the Manatee County Government Administrative Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, First Floor, Patricia M. Glass Chambers. BC20260922DOC063

47. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX ADVISORY BOARD**

Claudia Campos, Chief Financial Officer, requested the appointment of two Manatee County residents living in the unincorporated area of the County, to the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Infrastructure Sales Tax Advisory Board, to serve the remainder of a

two-year term ending April 4, 2028. Two individuals submitted applications and met the qualifications outlined in Resolution R-18-130.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, seconded by Commissioner McCann, and carried 6-0, to appoint Joseph Le Bourgeois and David Thomas to the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Infrastructure Sales Tax Advisory Board. BC20260922DOC064

48. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/COUNTY RESERVE POLICY**

Claudia Campos, Chief Financial Officer, utilized a slide presentation to resume discussion from August 25, 2026, regarding the County's Reserve Policy and fund balance, establish a common understanding of budget terminology, funding levels, overall Policy objectives, and direction to staff regarding potential Policy revision. The difference between Reserve versus Fund Balance are related but are not interchangeable. Each year's financial results become part of the starting point for the next budget cycle.

She continued with slides explaining budget versus actuals/financial reporting. A Reserve and Fund Balance Workshop is scheduled December 9, to address Florida Statute requirements, appropriate reserve methodologies, and potential Policy revision. The goal is to understand the financial protection that must be maintained for credit purchases and emergency readiness. Clerk Staff and Bond Counsel will be present at the workshop to speak on the impact to the County's credit rating, depending on what variables are changed in the Policy. BC20260922DOC065

39. **PUBLIC WORKS/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT/CENTRAL COUNTY COMPLEX**

Scott May, County Engineer, stated the Third Amendment to Cooperative Agreement for Central County Complex with Musgrave Real Estate Holdings (MREH), Limited Partnership, amends and supplements the existing Cooperative Agreement executed October 13, 2020, and amended in 2025 and 2026. He summarized the changes with the Third Amendment, as outlined in the agenda packet. Additional damages and costs will be shared, and the County will be required to purchase 0.23 acres of wetland mitigation credits and transfer them to MREH within six months of the Amendment's execution.

There was discussion on the history of the purchase of the Musgrave property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kruse, and seconded by Commissioner Rahn, to move the Action Requested:

- Approve and execute the Third Amendment to Cooperative Agreement for the Central County Complex with Musgrave Real Estate Holdings, Limited Partnership (MREH); and
- Authorize issuance of the $225,000 consideration payment to MREH as provided in the Amendment.

There being no public comment, Chairman closed public comment.

The motion carried 6-0. BC20260922DOC066

50. **NATURAL RESOURCES/DUETTE PRESERVE HUNT PROGRAM**

Charlie Hunsicker, Natural Resources Director, displayed an outline of the Duette Preserve Hunt Program. Next year's program is being converted to an on-line registration system, allowing the ability to choose from a menu of new sites for special opportunity

hunts, payment by credit card, and online sales. Manatee County residents will be given a 24-hour window of exclusive access to the website to take advantage of the Program.

Aedan Stockdale, Volunteer and Education Division Manager, responded to questions.

Staff was commended for offering the 24-hour window of exclusive access to Manatee County residents, the ability to easily navigate the online registration system, the ability to include last-minute attendees, and a choice of hunting sites within the 2,200 acres.

No Board action is required. BC20260922DOC067

CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (continued)

Marco Lemano spoke on the County's lack of reaction to an animal cruelty case.

Andrew Stillman commented on Florida's Proposed Amendment 3 (increased Homestead Exemption) and asked why Commissioners do not support lower property taxes.

Tracy Washington, NAACP President, stated some of the grave sites at Memphis Cemetery are restored, the security gate is repaired, and requested the status of the security cameras.

Chairman Siddique stated that staff would respond to Ms. Washington today.

Betty Sailes Rhodes requested the pile of dirt and lawn equipment at Memphis Cemetery be removed.

Commissioner Ballard spoke with staff on remaining project funds and to make sure the graves that are not yet repaired are contracted. She will speak with Mr. Bishop about the security cameras. Staff is looking into ground-penetrating radar to detect burial sites before the local American Legion Post erects a Veteran's monument. A Reach Across America event is being planned for late fall/early winter.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Commissioner Bearden – Requests for Information

Commissioner Bearden read his email to Stephanie Garrison, Deputy County Administrator, for Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, questioning why his briefing on AI was cancelled last week, requesting it be rescheduled before his last meeting, and later advised the briefing was rescheduled in November (requested from Commissioner Bearden but not received). BC20260922DOC068

Mr. Bishop stated he would work to schedule Commissioner Bearden's briefing before October 20.

Commissioner Bearden read his email to Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney (9/15/26), requesting a detailed accounting of the County's legal expenses, attorney fees, settlements, insurance claims, and related costs from the date she assumed the position of County Attorney through the present and her response, summarizing that the request

would require a substantial amount of staff time to research compile, review, reconcile, and organize information from multiple sources. Based on the scope of the information requested, it is anticipated that completing the requested accounting would take well beyond two hours of County Attorney staff time. If the Board directs the County Attorney's Office to undertake this project, it would likely require at least eight weeks to complete. BC20260922DOC069

Commissioner Bearden stated it seems his requests are being delayed until he is out of office, and this is unacceptable. He is unaware of any policy in place that when a Constitutional officer makes a request for information affecting the entire County, it is not provided in a reasonable time.

Commissioner Bearden read his email to Claudia Campos, Chief Financial Officer (9/11/26), requesting a complete record of procurement activity and purchases involving County Administrator Bishop for the applicable recent period, all procurement purchases that were open for only seven days, 14 days, and 21 days, a complete list of purchases made by the County Administrator, Charlie Bishop in amounts between $50,000 and $500,000, that were directly authorized or purchased by the County Administrator from the time he took the position as the Interim County Administrator and also when he took his seat as County Administrator that were not approved by the Board. This is the most important item, and to provide this no later than Friday, September 18th at 12:00 p.m. He read Mr. Bishop's response summarizing this will take more than two hours of dedicated staff time. BC20260922DOC070

Commissioner Bearden requested Mr. Bishop provide the information to him by October 5, 2026. He has not received a response from Mr. Bishop since September 5th. He also requested placement on the October 6, 2026, agenda as his Commissioner Agenda Item, for the termination of County Administrator Charlie Bishop's contract. He again asked Mr. Bishop when his requested information would be provided.

Mr. Bishop stated he responded to Commissioner Bearden's email, advising him to bring his requests to the Board for a decision with direction to the County Administrator to take resources away from current jobs and make Commissioner Bearden's request for information a priority.

(Depart Commissioner Kruse)

Mr. Bishop reiterated he sent an email to Commissioner Bearden on the timeline issue to respond to his requests for information. He agreed to comply with Commissioner Bearden's first request, and that his additional requests can be brought back to the Board to provide directions to the County Administrator. He would also provide Commissioner Bearden's Aide with directions on how to access the information.

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, reiterated Commissioner's Bearden's request involves a substantial amount of information from her office and would take well beyond two hours of County Attorney's office staff time. This request can be brought back to the Board for a decision with direction to the County Attorney.

Commissioner Bearden stated this process is not policy, and the public deserves accountability.

Ms. D'Agostino stated that the County Administrator and County Attorney do not work for any individual Commissioner. She noted that the Board follows the two-hour rule to ensure the direction of the majority is followed. If the Board majority determines that compiling the requested information is an appropriate use of the County Attorney's limited resources, her office would undertake the task, though it would be time-consuming.

Commissioner Bearden requested a copy of the policy being referenced for his review, as he is not familiar with the policy and is not aware of a policy currently in place that addresses this matter.

Ms. D'Agostino stated there is no official policy or explanation of the records request process. The practice the County Attorney's office has historically followed is that requests for services made to the County Attorney's office by the County Administrator, his staff, or by an individual Board member outside of the formal Request for Legal Services (RLS) process and absent direction from the Board, should generally be limited to matters that can reasonably be addressed within approximately two hours of County Attorney's office staff time. This practice is intended to ensure the County Attorney's office limited resources remain available for legal matters and services for which the Board and County government require assistance and to avoid one-off projects of substantial scope being undertaken without Board direction.

Commissioner Bearden requested that the County Attorney's Office provide the requested information within the proposed timeline, which he indicated was reasonable. He clarified that the request was being made in his capacity as an elected official rather than as a member of the public.

Commissioner Ballard stated Commissioner Bearden's request is outside the scope of what a single Commissioner can ask for.

COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, had no comments.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, had no comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Siddique adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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