MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HONORABLE PATRICIA M. GLASS CHAMBERS
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
October 6
October 6, 2026

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

Present were:
Tal Siddique, Chairman District 3
George Kruse, Second Vice-Chairman, District 7
Dr. Bob McCann, District 5 (via Zoom)
Jason Bearden, District 6

Absent was/were:
Amanda Ballard, First Vice-Chairman District 2
Mike Rahn, District 4

District 1 seat is vacant.

Present were:
Charlie Bishop, 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

Reverend Brock Patterson, Longboat Island Chapel, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bearden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlie Bishop, County Administrator, announced additional public comment was entered into the record.

Chairman Siddique announced the County Attorney will call absent Commissioners to obtain a quorum, if a quorum is not obtained in person, the items will be continued.

RECESS/RECONVENE: 9:02 a.m. – 9:09 a.m. All Commissioners were present, except Commissioners Ballard and Rahn.

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, explained she was unable to reach Commissioners Rahn and Ballard, and based on the Boards Procedures (R-25-013), the public hearing can be continued, but no other discussion can take place.

Chairman Siddique stated he will allow Commissioner discussion.

AGENDA BC20261006OC001
Agenda Update Memorandum (dated 10-5-2026) BC20261006OC002

- Item 1, Adoption of Ordinance 26-42, Data Center Moratorium - Updated with the Revised Business Impact Estimate and Affidavit of Publishing and additional public comment
- Item 2, Administrator Contract – Updated with public comments

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Future Agenda Items Only)

Due to lack of a quorum, citizen comments were not taken.

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS – LEGISLATIVE – PRESENTATION SCHEDULED

1. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/ORDINANCE**

 A duly advertised public hearing was opened to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 26-42, Data Center Moratorium 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. The Planning Commission recommended adoption.

 Andra Griffin spoke against the continuance, and feels the continuance was planned.

 Carol Whitmore requested the date for the continuance.

Pat Simmons questioned when and where the public hearing will take place.

Tracy Lipton questioned what will be heard and when.

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

(Depart Commissioner McCann)

Pamela D'Agostino, County Attorney, stated Ordinance 26-42, will be continued to October 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter, as same may be heard.

Commissioner Bearden requested his item, County Administrator Contract, be continued to the special meeting on Wednesday.

 Discussion ensued regarding the absence of a full Board at most meetings over the past two years, there is no hidden agenda on not having a full Board this day, meetings have been cancelled before, the Chairman reviews agendas at least a few weeks prior to the agenda being published and he decided to cancel the meeting, why were items pushed to different dates, there will be a regular meeting on October 20, 2026, no need for discussion when a full Board is absent, Commissioners can have their items heard when they want, Charlie Bishop's contract was discussed in April, and the contract was extended to be voted on with the new Board, it is contrary to the previous motion to discuss the contract prior to the new Board being seated, the only motion that can be made on Thursday is to vote on the contract in 30 days, having a vote on the County Administrator's contract now would be disrespectful to everyone and cost thousands of dollars, who would serve as the interim County Administrator if Mr. Bishop is discharged, requested rescinding the motion to have the contract on the agenda, a new Board will not

have the experience to manage an employee, Commissioners are here to manage County business, not play politics, and this discussion needs to be heard on Thursday.

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COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

2. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT**

This item will be moved to the October 8, 2026, agenda. BC20261006OC004

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Siddique adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes Approved: October 20, 2026