

MARCH 10, 1989

The Manatee County Civic Center Authority met in SPECIAL SESSION at the Civic Center, Palmetto, Florida, Friday, March 10, 1989, at 7:36 a.m.

Present were Members:

Russell A. McInerney, Vice-Chairman
Walter Grace
William Orr
P. Allen Schofield
Barbara Turner

Absent were Members:

Thomas W. Harrison, Chairman
Eugene Wiseman

Also present were:

John Graham, Director
Susan G. French, representing R. B. Shore,
Clerk of Circuit Court

Representatives of the various news media were present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman McInerney.

ROOF - LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT

Greg Haller, construction counsel, reported on progress of the lawsuit with Denard & Moore on roof construction. He stated approximately \$11,000 had been spent putting water spouts around the perimeter and \$7,000 on consulting and architect fees to determine the problem. The Authority has retained \$13,000. A trial is set for the week of April 10, 1989.

Negotiations with Denard & Moore on the leaking problem have resulted in settlement by payment to the Authority of the difference between \$18,194.91 and \$13,202.29 (\$4,992.62). Payment could be made within thirty days after the Judge approves a Stipulation.

The case against Steelite is pending regarding the fading blue roof. The Authority's testing of the roof has been made available to Steelite, but it will do further testing.

The coating thickness is 2.6 mils instead of 4. Either it is eroding/evaporating or the original thickness was not correct. There is no evidence of erosion. He passed around photographs of the roof taken over a period of time depicting the fading.

Mr. Haller advised that part of the settlement with Denard & Moore is to assign to the Authority it's right to pursue Steelite.

He recommended the Authority enter into a "Stipulation for Settlement" with Denard & Moore and American Insurance Company (bonding company) to approve the settlement as outlined.

John Graham, Director, stated there is still some leakage.

Mr. Haller stated consultants advised that one reason for the leaks could be the ridges on the corners.

He stated the discoloration could be remedied by pressure cleaning, epoxy primer and respraying the roof for \$1 per square foot (80,000 square feet).

Mr. Schofield moved to approve the settlement as recommended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Orr and carried unanimously.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FUNDS

John Graham, Director, advised that the Department of Revenue had revised the formula by which the tourist tax is computed. The County has received a reconciliation amount.

He reported the Civic Center had received 22 percent of the funds in FY 1987-88 and recommended requesting at least 22 percent of the reconciliation funds.

He submitted a proposed letter to Kathy Snell, Chairman of the Tourist Development Council (TDC), and members. He recommended Authority members attend the March 20, 1989 meeting of the TDC, and meet with members of the County Commission.

Discussion: More requests for TDC funds; Civic Center gets less each year; original Ordinance was 30 percent for Civic Center operation and maintenance; working with hotels to book blocks of rooms for events; Civic Center not represented at TDC meetings; Civic Center second largest generator of tourists; conventions would have to transport individuals, etc.

Requests were made to make the letter to Ms. Snell stronger. It will be brought back at the regular meeting.

ELECTIONS

The matter of election of a Chairman will be placed on the agenda of the regular meeting (3/15/89).

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:



Clerk



Chairman

Adj: 8:40 a.m.
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