

APRIL 9, 1996

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, convened as the Manatee County Civic Center Authority in SPECIAL SESSION in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at 5:50 p.m.

**Present were Commissioners:**

Gwendolyn Y. Brown, Chairman  
John R. Gause, First Vice-Chairman  
Stan Stephens  
Lari Ann Harris  
Patricia M. Glass

**Absent were:**

Maxine M. Hooper, Second Vice-Chairman (prior commitment)  
Joe McClash, Third Vice-Chairman (vacation)

**Also present were:**

H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney  
Susan G. Romine, Deputy Clerk,  
representing R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brown.

**FLORIDA SHARKS CONTRACT**

Patricia McVoy, Assistant County Attorney, recommended authorization for the Executive Director, or designee, to execute contract 16-023 (with Addendum 1) with West Coast Professional Sports, Inc. (United States Basketball League team Florida Sharks), which does not comply with Civic Center rate resolution in that the contract provides for West Coast Professional Sports to sell their own tickets rather than use the Ticketmaster computerized ticket system as required for commercial entertainment events; no rental charge for the Center Hall; and Civic Center to retain no revenues on the merchandise, commission, or parking.

Discussion: Language changes; selling tickets versus twenty percent of the concession revenue; what are the costs for staff selling tickets versus lessee selling tickets; lack of information in the request in order to take any action; etc.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harris, to ratify the contract for one year with the provision that the issue regarding concession revenue sharing is brought back within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gause. Following discussion, motion carried 5 to 0.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Gwendolyn Y. Brown  
Chairman 5/14/96

