

MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

June 24, 1963

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PINEY POINT PORT FACILITIES  
MANATEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY CREATED

Fred Langford and Robert Kessler, of the Committee of 100, came before the Board for presentation of plans for establishing port facilities in the Piney Point area.

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Mr. Kessler stated that the Committee of 100 feels that if the proposal, presented for consideration of the Board, is accepted, it will have far reaching benefits for local economy. He enumerated reasons for the need for creation and development of a port authority and said that the site, in northwest Manatee County, lends itself ideally to this purpose. He named some of the local industries expressing interest in the area (Lee Tharpe, Tropicana Products and Singletary Concrete Products) and noted there were letters from outside industries who were interested if a port authority is set up.

John Benson, Jr., County Engineer, pointed out on aerial photo the present property and explained the schematic drawing of the industrial complex of the area (port facilities, commercial area, residential area, etc.)

Fred Langford commented on the need to increase industrial manufacturing and output within the county to help stabilize our economy - by creating a port authority under a general bill passed by the 1959 Legislature it could create the additional impetus for industry.

Other individuals who urged the Board's favorable consideration of the proposal were

Raymond Turner  
John Dubois  
Donald Monnier  
Walter Hardin  
George Tomberlin  
Frank Bennett  
L. L. Prince  
Ralph Pierro

Jack Miller, of Miller Trailers  
William Ormond, representing the  
Greater Palmetto Merchants Assoc.  
Geo. F. Harter, acting in the  
absence of Robert Quinn,

Mr. Crist moved that the proposal, presented by the Committee, be accepted and resolution be adopted whereby

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners designates itself as the Manatee County Port Authority,
- 2) The Chairman, with the advice and consent of the Commission, shall appoint an advisory board to be known as the Manatee County Port Advisory Board to consist of not more than five members, who are residents of Manatee County,
- 3) Funds shall be appropriated for a feasibility study for the establishment of said Port ,
- 4) Chairman of the Board authorized to negotiate contract for feasibility report (subject to such contract being approved by the Board).

Motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and carried.

RESOLUTION RECORDED C18-36  
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FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR FEASIBILITY REPORT

Mr. Crist moved that the \$7500.00 remaining in the current budget for Planning Purposes be made available for the feasibility

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report and, inasmuch as it was his understanding that this survey could be made for approximately \$15,000.00 (in 9-10 months), that balance of \$7500.00 be appropriated in the budget for 1963-1964 for this purpose. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klemmer and carried.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Upon motion by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Klemmer, members of the Manatee County Port Authority Advisory Committee were appointed:

FRED LANGFORD	2-year term
RAYMOND TURNER	2-year term
ROBERT KESSLER	3-year term
FRANK BENNETT	3-year term
MURRAY KESTEN	1-year term

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CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from

- 1) ROBERT N. KESSLER, Acting Secretary, Advisory Board  
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Recommendation to enter into contract with Praeger-Kavanaugh-Waterbury, Engineers-Architects, 126 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y., for the purpose of preparing an engineering-economic feasibility report on proposed development of the PINEY POINT area.

Held by the Board pending study of all bids submitted in connection with feasibility report.