

RESOLUTION R-03-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE MANATEE COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF MANATEE COUNTY TO BE THE PARTY HEREBY ASSIGNED THE DUTY AND AUTHORITY TO COLLECT ANY MONIES DUE AND OWING TO MANATEE COUNTY AS DETERMINED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS DUTY; TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY TO SETTLE ALL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AMOUNTS DUE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF MANATEE COUNTY AND TO ALLOW THE COLLECTION OF A REASONABLE FEE FOR THE COLLECTION SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 125.17 of the Florida Statutes establishes that the Clerk of the Circuit Court is the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners and may "perform such other duties as their clerk as the board may direct"; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County intends hereby to assign the duty and authority to the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller to collect any monies due and owing to Manatee County or any of its enterprise operations as determined and authorized by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners or their authorized representative, the benefit of which inure to the political subdivision of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, in Manatee County, the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller is authorized to establish a Department of Financial Recovery to perform any duties associated with the collection of the aforementioned amounts due and shall establish staff, personnel and procedures to accomplish these tasks efficiently and with minimal cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and taxpayers of Manatee County, the Manatee Board of County Commissioners and the Florida Legislature recognize that public programs should have the costs of such programs supported by those who use the programs and services, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 938.30 of the Florida Statutes authorizes the establishment and collection of reasonable fees associated with the cost associated with the collection of monies due and owing to Manatee County for any fines, court costs, or other costs imposed by the court.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THAT:

The Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to be the party responsible to represent Manatee County in the collection of any monies due and owing to Manatee County or any of its enterprise operations as determined by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners or their authorized representative inuring to the benefit of Manatee County, and may take all lawful actions to legally assert or defend the interests of Manatee County in any and all actions involving the aforementioned amounts due to Manatee County:

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller is authorized to establish a Department of Financial Recovery to collect the aforementioned amounts due and shall establish staff, personnel and procedures to accomplish these tasks efficiently and with minimal cost to the County; and

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that as representative of Manatee County and the party responsible for the collection of the aforementioned amounts due Manatee County, the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller is hereby authorized to use any lawful, cost effective means to pursue or settle any such claims as listed in the best interests of Manatee County and to settle such claims as determined by the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller or its representative to be in the best interest of Manatee County, and

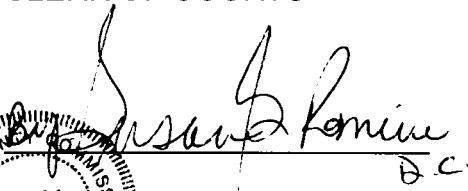
AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller is hereby authorized establish a schedule of reasonable fees and to collect said reasonable fees, as authorized under Florida Statutes or under any Manatee County Resolutions or Ordinances, or by order of the Court necessary the help fund the costs of the services authorized by this resolution.


PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, this 28th day of January, 2003


ATTEST:

R.B. 'CHIPS' SHORE,
CLERK OF COURTS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA


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