

RESOLUTION R - 04-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO MPO FOR PLANNING POLICY EDUCATION PURPOSES; ESTABLISHING COST CENTER FOR SAME; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS BE SUPERCEDED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County government is a member government of the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (the MPO); and

WHEREAS, certain federal rules regarding the use of federal funds can be read to prohibit the MPO, or associations to which the MPO is a member, from engaging in activities such as educating local, state or federal officials on matters impacting the operation of the MPO or advocating a legislative position on a matter impacting the operation of the MPO; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County finds that there is a valid public purpose for providing limited financial assistance to the MPO to help fund its public policy education and advocacy activities in that the continued success of proper regional planning is critical to the stable and orderly growth of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County, by existing interlocal agreement, provides administrative services for the MPO including financial account administration; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the government of Sarasota County, as well as possibly other member governments, will be making independent contributions to assist the funding of these same activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The County Administrator shall establish a cost center within the current MPO budget for Public Policy Advocacy and Education (PPAE).
2. The cost center shall be distinct from all other funds so that use of same may be readily traceable to PPAE expenses.
3. The cost center shall have an initial appropriation of \$1,000. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to accept and deposit, on behalf of the MPO, any other contributions made by other MPO member local governments and same shall be identified within the same PPAE cost center.

4. The Executive Director of the MPO shall have full signature authority over the funds located in the PPAE cost center and may be expended by the Executive Director for any public policy advocacy or education activity authorized by the MPO governing board, including direct activity or membership in an MPO association engaged in such activity.
5. The MPO Executive Director shall report to the County Administrator the uses of the funds during the fiscal year at a date agreeable to both so that the County Administrator may make subsequent fiscal year budget recommendations concerning County contributions to the PPAE cost center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any existing Resolution or portion thereof of the Board of County Commissioners which contains terms or provisions which are in direct conflict with and cannot be harmonized with the provisions of this Resolution shall, as to such terms or provisions, be deemed as superceded by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution are severable such that the invalidity of any one provision shall not operate to invalidate any other provision.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, with a quorum present and voting, this 13th day of January, 2004.

ATTEST:
R.B. SHORE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *R.B. Shore*



By: *Jane von Hahmann*

Jane von Hahmann, Chairman