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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR THE POWER AND PURPOSES OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD.

WHEREAS, it is important for the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners to be kept informed of issues and concerns which may relate to seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners determines that it is in the best interest of the people of Manatee County, Florida, to maintain a "Senior Advisory Board," to advise the Board of County Commissioners on issues relating to seniors.

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

Section 1. Creation of the Senior Advisory Board.

There is hereby established a voluntary advisory board, to be known as the Manatee County Senior Advisory Board. Appointment of members of the Advisory Board shall be in a manner set forth herein, and members shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to this Resolution. This Advisory Board is advisory only and may be abolished or disbanded at any time, or reorganized at any time, by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. Purposes of the Senior Advisory Board.

It shall be the mission of the Senior Advisory Board to evaluate, monitor and discuss existing and proposed policies and issues pertaining to the aging population at the local, state and federal levels, in order to most effectively advocate on behalf of the elder population of our community.

Section 3. Authority of the Senior Advisory Board.

- A. The Advisory Board shall have authority to elect from its membership such officers to serve the needs of the Advisory Board. Officers elected by the Advisory Board will be a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.
- B. Further, the Advisory Board shall have the authority to set the time and place for its meetings. The Advisory Board shall meet once every two months for a minimum of one year at which time the

frequency of holding meetings may be reevaluated. Meetings may be rescheduled or a special meeting called by the Advisory Board at any regular meeting. Upon a decision to cancel a meeting, members will be notified by phone if the decision is made less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting; otherwise, notification shall be by letter from the advisory board's secretary.

- C. The Advisory Board will carry out its responsibilities in the most cost effective manner.

Section 4. Membership of the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board will be made up of nine (9) members. Each single district commissioner shall appoint a member from their district and each at large commissioner shall appoint a member from the community at large, and two members shall be appointed by the County Administrator and/or his designee. Membership shall be limited in the following manner: each member shall be a citizen of at least 60 years of age; and each member shall be a citizen representative who shall not be employed by or serve as a voting member or the Board of Directors of any agency or organization providing services or assistance to the senior population.

The County Administrator's Office in partnership with the Community Services Department is hereby assigned the responsibility of providing administrative support to the Advisory Board. The Intergovernmental Coordinator shall serve as the liaison with the County Administrator's Office and the County Attorney's Office in accordance with such policies as may be established by the County Administrator and County Attorney.

Section 5. Terms and Eligibility Terms.

Terms of appointment to the "Senior Advisory Board" shall designate members for a four (4) year term. Initial terms shall be staggered through a random drawing by the County Administrator and/or his designee.

A member missing three (3) consecutive meetings per year, without explanation, may, and at the discretion of the Advisory Board, be declared resigned and another member may be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to replace the resigned member.

Should any member of the Advisory Board resign before completion of his/her term of office, the Board of County Commissioners may appoint another to complete the balance of the term of that position.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of adoption.

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ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 9th day of Mar., 2004.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Ausau Romani*

By: *Jane von Hahmann*
Jane von Hahmann, Chairman

