

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
April 10, 2018**

Meeting Video Link - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

Priscilla Whisenant Trace, Chairman
Robin DiSabatino, First Vice-Chairman
Carol Whitmore, Second Vice-Chairman
Charles B. Smith, Third Vice-Chairman
Betsy Benac
Vanessa Baugh
Stephen R. Jonsson

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Robin Toth, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Trace called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Clark Edwards, First United Methodist Church, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Marine Corps League Detachment 588 and the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Weldon, former Manatee County Senior Veterans Services Counselor.



REVISED AGENDA, UPDATE MEMORANDUM AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BC20180410DOC001

- Item 24, Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program for FY 18/19 Agreement – The requested action was updated to reflect the corrected funding amount of \$54,992
- Item 27, Personal Trainer Agreement – Request to authorize the use of Personal Trainer Agreements and to adopt Resolution R-18-043 – Deferred to April 24, 2018 BC20180410DOC002
- Item 34, Law Enforcement Services for Greer Island – Attachment A was added to the Interlocal Agreement
- Item 37, Newport Isles Borrow Pit Application Bonding – A location map depicting Buckeye Road residential properties was added to the agenda item

Time Certain:

3. Item 45, Representative Boyd – End of Legislative Session Report – 9:30 a.m.



CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Requests:

- Item 17 - Pulled by Commissioner Smith
- Item 22 - Pulled by Commissioner Smith
- Item 39 - Pulled by Commissioner DiSabatino

(Continued to later in the meeting)

 **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 4. April Employee of the Month - David Snyder, Beach Lifeguard II/EMT, Public Safety
BC20180410DOC003
- 5.  A Heroism Award was presented to DanaMae Catlett, Customer Service Center Assistant Manager, Utilities Department, for outstanding service in assisting a customer in the midst of a seizure.
BC20180410DOC004

PROCLAMATIONS

 A motion was made by Commissioner Benac, seconded by Commissioner Baugh and carried 7-0, to approve the following Proclamations:

- 6. A Purple Heart County – Proclamation designating Manatee County as A Purple Heart County was accepted by Lee Washington, Veterans Services Officer, who displayed Purple Heart Recipient Parking Placards, as well as photographs of local recipients. He also recognized County staff members involved in this project.
BC20180410DOC005
(Additional Proclamations were presented later in the meeting.)

45. **ADMINISTRATOR/END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT**

 Nick Azzara, Public Information Officer, thanked State Representative Jim Boyd for his service to Manatee County.

 State Representative Jim Boyd highlighted funding approved for various projects, including the Anna Maria Pier, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Robinson Preserve, the psychiatric residency program at Centerstone, medical students, the Florida Job Growth Grant, Visit Florida, etc. He also commented on the Opioid crisis and legislation providing for penalties against drug dealers.
BC20180410DOC006

PROCLAMATIONS (continued)

- 7.  Crime Victim Rights Week – April 8-14, 2018, was accepted by Susie Brown, Victims’ Advocate Rights Council
BC20180410DOC007
- 8.  National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – April 8-14, 2018, was accepted by Jacob Saur, Public Safety Chief
BC20180410DOC008
- 9.  Boys and Girls Club Week – April 9-13, 2018, was accepted by a representative of the Manatee Boys and Girls Club and Calista Cotteron, Manatee County Youth of the Year
BC20180410DOC009
- 10.  Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2018, was accepted by Cheryl Andrews, Todd Markel and Ashley Marini, Manatee Children’s Services, and Connie King, Sheriff’s office

Discussion ensued on the Board providing assistance in obtaining State funding and placing this on the Legislative platform.
BC20180410DOC010

- 11.  Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month – April 2018, was accepted by Angel Colonnese, Clerk of the Circuit Court
BC20180410DOC0011

- 12.  Fair Housing Month – April 2018, was accepted by Denise Thomas, Community Development Division Manager
BC20180410DOC012

Discussion occurred to change County policies and codes to encourage affordable housing.

13. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Future Agenda Items)

 Taura Denis spoke about street lighting in Samoset and the County’s street lighting petition process and asked that new technologies be included in this process.

There being no further citizen comments, Chairman Trace closed Citizen Comments.

 Discussion occurred as to staff’s petition process, use of the one-half-cent sales tax proceeds for street lighting, utilization of Southwest Tax Increment Financing Funds, need to work with the Sheriff and come up with a plan of where street lights are needed, why a resident had to go door-to-door to collect signatures on petitions, other communities are paying for street lighting, improvements are needed in Samoset, and ask the County Administrator to meet with individual Commissioners to report on the process and funding.

BC20180410DOC013

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION (continued)

 A motion was made by Commissioner Jonsson and seconded by Commissioner Baugh, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes noted in the Agenda Update Memorandum, and with the deletion of Items 17, 22 and 39 (all separate action) and 27 (deferred).

14. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consent Agenda Items Only)

There being no citizen comments, Chairman Trace closed Citizen Comments. BC20180410DOC014

Vote – Consent Agenda

 The motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes noted, carried 7-0.

15. **CLERK’S CONSENT AGENDA**

BC20180410DOC015

A. **WARRANTS**

Accepted the warrants for the month of March 2018, as issued by Finance Department
BC20180410DOC016

B. **MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of November 7, 2017, and January 30 (Council of Governments), February 27 (Joint with Town of Longboat Key) and March 1 and 20, 2018

C. **REFUNDS**

Approved:

1. Maronda Homes – Transportation fees related to permits, \$51,736
BC20180410DOC017
2. Rinehart Homes, Cannon – Affordable Housing Impact Fees, \$4,997
BC20180410DOC018
3. Rinehart Homes, Morris – Affordable Housing Impact Fees, \$4,997
BC20180410DOC019
4. Rinehart Homes, Sarmanian – Affordable Housing Impact Fees, \$4,997
BC20180410DOC020
5. Utilities Customer 241394-72557 – Overestimate, \$738.24
BC20180410DOC021
6. Utilities Customer 257108-124994 – Billing adjustment, \$563.42
BC20180410DOC022
7. Utilities Customer 278697-42169 – Billing Adjustment, \$1,030.46
BC20180410DOC023
8. Utilities Customer 186549-150810 – Connection Fee, \$675
BC20180410DOC024
9. Utilities Customer 252057-46822 – Billing Adjustment, \$982.94
BC20180410DOC025

D. **CONTRACTS**

Accepted the following contracts per Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code and pursuant to Purchasing Division’s Administrative Standards and Procedures Manual:

1. Agreement with Tampa Bay Construction and Engineering, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the construction of five-foot sidewalks along four streets in the Bayshore Gardens neighborhood, \$719,105.25
BC20180410DOC026
2. Administrative Contract Adjustment 1 to Contract with American Lighting and Signalization, Inc., for ATMS University Parkway, Market Street to Lorraine Road, for an additional 30 calendar days and revised completion date of April 22, 2018, with no additional cost
BC20180410DOC027

E. REPORTS

Accepted the following:

1. 2018 Contingency Plan for Emergency Situations with Waste Management and Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.
BC20180410DOC028
2. Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules with Independent Auditor's Report for Waste Management and Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., and Subsidiaries
BC20180410DOC029
3. Town of Longboat Key - Letter listing elected officials with terms
BC20180410DOC030

F. PARTIAL RELEASE OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIEN

Accepted and authorized recording of the following Partial Release of Special Improvement Assessment Lien:

1. Project 4218 - Warners West Canal Dredging - Kenneth M. Christy, Sr., Linda K., Christy Family Rev Liv Trust DTD 2/9/11
BC20180410DOC031

16. ADMINISTRATOR/IMPACT FEE CREDIT

- Executed Final Credit Authorization CA-08-04(P);
- Executed assignment amendment of Impact Fee Credit Authorization CA-08-04(P), transferring \$401,290 to CA-08-04(P)(R); and
- Executed assignment amendment of Impact Fee Credit Authorization CA-08-04(P), transferring \$413,475 to CA-08-04(P)(R2)
BC20180410DOC032

18. CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU/PREMIER SPORTS CAMPUS

Adopted Resolution R-18-032, establishing policies for the operation of Premier Sports Campus; and adopted Resolution R-18-047, authorizing the execution of instruments for the assignment and amendment of agreements related to Premier Sports Campus

BC20180410DOC033

19. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-18-052

BC20180410DOC034

20. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/CHANGE ORDER

Authorized the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute Contract Change Order 3 to Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum to Agreement 16-2572CD, Construction Management at Risk Services for Manatee County Health Department Medical Examiner's Office Building with Jon F. Swift, Inc., adding 102 days to the contract time, for a revised project time of 312 days (new completion date of 6/21/18)

BC20180410DOC035

21. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/CHANGE ORDER

Authorized the County Administrator, or his designee, to execute Contract Change Order 4 to Work Assignment 24, pursuant to Agreement 07-0759TC with Cardno, Inc., providing transportation engineering services for the 45th Street and 44th Avenue intersection design, in the amount of \$106,181, for a revised Work Assignment total of \$1,389,469

BC20180410DOC036

23. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/LETTER/AUDITING SERVICES**
Approved and executed Letter from Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC, to supplement and reaffirm the engagement letter between Shinn & Company LLC, and Manatee County, acknowledging Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC, as the successor in interest, to continue to oversee the audit services covered under the Letter of Engagement (3/14/17) BC20180410DOC037
24. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/GRANT/AGREEMENT**
Adopted Resolution R-18-056, authorizing the acceptance of Agreement EH-18/19-MAN, from the Senior Connection Center, Inc., for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Grant Program, in the amount of \$54,992, for the period April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and Adopted Budget Resolution B-18-055, amending the annual FY17/18 budget BC20180410DOC038
25. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT**
Authorized the County Administrator to execute 2018 Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Agreement for Charitable Services with The Patterson Foundation identifying and committing to how funding will be spent in the form of hiring two additional site supervisors for the summer not currently allocated, the purchase of more books and increased spending for activities and supplies associated with the reading initiative BC20180410DOC039
26. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/NOTICE OF TERMINATION/GERALDSON FARMS**
Executed Notice of Termination of the Geraldson's Farm Lease (5/19/09) between Florida West Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc., (Lessee) and Manatee County, due to non-conformance of the contract terms and conditions for the agricultural premises located at 1401 99th Street Northwest, Bradenton BC20180410DOC040
28. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CONTRACT**
Executed Contract for Sale and Purchase with Tom Monts, for property located at 11735 Erie Road, Parrish, for the purpose of the Fort Hamer Extension, U.S. 301 North to Erie Road Alignment, in the amount of \$45,000 BC20180410DOC041
29. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT/LENA LANDFILL**
- Accepted and authorized recording of Declaration to Release and Amend Restrictions on Lena Landfill property from Schroeder-Manatee Ranch, Inc. as successor to SMR Golf Properties, Inc., and Schroeder-Manatee, Inc.; and
 - Executed and authorized recording of Agreement to Release, Waive, Modify and Amend Declaration of Easements, Restrictions and Covenants, which will allow for Manatee County to have greater use and rights on the landfill property BC20180410DOC042
30. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT/PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM**
Executed and authorized recording of the Non-Exclusive Utility Easement Agreement with Peoples Gas System, A Division of Tampa Electric Company, for the construction of a natural gas pipeline under a portion of Coquina Beach, located at 2651 Gulf Drive South, Bradenton Beach BC20180410DOC043
31. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**
Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Utilities Easement from Warner Crossing LLC, for property located at 1450 Upper Manatee River Road, required for an easement for the sewer main; and authorized recording of Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Warner Crossing LLC BC20180410DOC044

32. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

- Accepted and authorized recording of Permanent Utilities Easement from Warner Crossing LLC and 64 & Upper Manatee LLC (includes Consent and Joinder from Cadence Bank, N.A.), for property located at 1450 Upper Manatee River Road, required for an easement for the sewer main;
- Authorized recording of Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Warner Crossing LLC; and
- Authorized recording of Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from 64 & Upper Manatee LLC

BC20180410DOC045

33. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/CONTRACT**

Executed Contract for Sale and Purchase of Surplus Real Property owned by Manatee County with Sharo Hernandez Ramos for property located at 725 65th Avenue East (Lot 8D, Block 1, Winter Gardens Third Unit); and Executed County Deed to Sharo Hernandez Ramos

BC20180410DOC046

34. **PUBLIC SAFETY/LAW ENFORCEMENT/GREER ISLAND**

Executed Interlocal Agreement between Manatee County and the Town of Longboat Key, for the County to provide funding (\$5,000/month), for Town law enforcement officers to patrol Greer Island (aka Beer Can Island) for a six-month trial period; and adopted Budget Amendment B-18-059

BC20180410DOC047

35. **PUBLIC SAFETY/SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM**

Adopted Resolution R-18-010, re-establishing the Spay Neuter Program for qualified owners and rescind previously adopted Resolution R-17-037

BC20180410DOC048

36. **PUBLIC SAFETY/UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT - ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Approved removal of bad debt in the amount of \$200

BC20180410DOC049

37. **PUBLIC WORKS/BONDS/NEWPORT ISLES BORROW PIT**

- Accepted and authorized the County Administrator to execute the Agreement in Conjunction with Surety Bond(s) as Security Insuring Compliance with Site Reclamation and Haul Route Restoration;
- Accepted and authorized the County Administrator to execute Surety Bond 106845696, in the amount of \$83,565.69, issued through Travelers Casualty; and
- Accepted and authorized the County Administrator to execute Surety Bond 106845697, in the amount of \$183,886.56, issued through Traveler's Casualty

BC20180410DOC050

38. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT/OASIS DEVELOPMENT**

Executed and authorized recording of Private Street Maintenance Agreement with The Oasis at University Apartments LLC, providing for the construction of private access roads to the development (Broadway and Kentucky Streets), which will be opened for the general use of the public.

BC20180410DOC051

40. **UTILITIES/BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF**

Authorized the write-off of bad debts of the Utilities Department, not to exceed \$151,358.44 in Fund 401 (Potable Water/Wastewater), \$52,570.36 in Fund 480 (Solid Waste), and \$0 in miscellaneous Tort Claims

BC20180410DOC052

41. **UTILITIES/SERVICE FEE WAIVERS**

Authorized to waive a total of \$315 in service fees assessed to utility customer accounts for returned bank items

BC20180410DOC053

(End Consent Agenda)

43. **ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES/ DOGS IN PUBLIC FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

 A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 18-24, repealing Ordinance 07-49, Dogs in Public Food Establishments Ordinance, codified in Article II, Chapter 2-4 (Section 2-4-32 to 2-4-37) of Manatee County Code of Laws.

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, stated the proposed action is to repeal and remove the existing doggie dining ordinance from the Code of Laws. A new ordinance will come back to the Board in the near future to be included in the Land Development Code.

 A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner Baugh, to adopt Ordinance 18-24, repealing Ordinance 07-49 the Dog Dining Ordinance, codified in Article II, Chapter 2-4 (Section 2-4-32 to 2-4-37) of Manatee County's Code of Laws.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

BC20180410DOC054

44. **PUBLIC WORKS/STORMWATER CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS**

 Michael Brennan, Fleet Services Division Manager, requested approval of Budget Resolution B-18-058 (\$99,653) for the purchase of five, high-volume sandbagging machines to augment Stormwater contingency operations. These machines will provide for an automated, improved process.

 Chad Butzow, Public Works Deputy Director, commented about other planned improvements for providing sandbags during emergency situations.

 Discussion occurred regarding the maintenance of these machines, disposal of the sand and sandbags after a storm event, small volume use of the machines, opportunity to provide sandbags to neighboring communities, and life expectancy of the machines.

 A motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino and seconded by Commissioner Whitmore, to adopt Budget Resolution B-18-058, amending the annual budget for Manatee County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2018.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

BC20180410DOC055

INTRODUCTION - MYRA PRATER

 Chad Butzow, Public Works Deputy Director, introduced Myra Prater, the new Field Services Maintenance Division Manager.

17. **ATTORNEY/ORDINANCE/SECONDHAND DEALERS**

 Commissioner Smith expressed concern regarding how proposed Ordinance 18-26 could affect the business community. He questioned the definition of a secondhand dealer, if the Ordinance includes pawn shops, if the required certified letter to the Sheriff's office from businesses regarding purchased items becomes public record, and what is the penalty for someone who does not comply with the certified letter requirement. He stated this Ordinance should be vetted by the Chamber of Commerce.

 Michelle Hall, Counsel for the Sheriff's office, clarified this Ordinance would be an amendment to the current, Secondhand Dealers Ordinance (14-12). This is not a new ordinance, but an effort to get property back to its rightful owners.

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, stated the request is for permission to advertise for a public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 18-26. He highlighted the Penalties section of the Ordinance and stated there are no proposed amendments to that section. He noted that secondhand dealers have been regulated by ordinance since 1987.

 A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner DiSabatino, to grant permission to advertise for a public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 18-26, amending the County's Secondhand Dealers Ordinance.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.

The motion carried 7-0.

BC20180410DOC056

22. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/PIRATE CITY TAX REFUND**

 With regard to the request for approval and authorization for the County Administrator to execute the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Bradenton, regarding financial support of the Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training Facility Project, Commissioner Smith asked why this refund was not funded by Tourist Development Funds.

The Agreement, as presented, would return \$40,230.93 of ad valorem taxes to the City of Bradenton for the 2017 tax year on Pirate City property.

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, stated a legal opinion would be needed to determine if reimbursement of taxes is an eligible expense and if Tourist Development Funds could be used.

Motion

 A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, to ask the County Attorney to research if Tourist Development funds can be used to refund property taxes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benac.

 William Clague, Assistant County Attorney, advised that under Florida Law, property taxes cannot be refunded. The Interlocal Agreement provides for the reimbursement of funds equal to the property taxes to assist with the repayment of project bonds used to finance the Pirate City property.

 Jan Brewer, Financial Management Director, stated staff will provide the Board with an accounting of what has been paid to the City of Bradenton over the years. Reimbursement was not requested for last year, but only this year through a letter of request from the City.

 Discussion occurred to defer action on the agreement, need to know the outstanding amount of the bonds, if they can be paid from Tourist Development Funds and discrepancy in the amounts from previous years.

Amendment

 Following discussion, an amendment to the motion was made by Commissioner Smith, to look into reimbursement to the City and whether or not we can pay the bond proceeds from Tourist Development Funds and if we should do an agreement for that, and authorize the County Attorney to research if the bond proceeds can be paid from Tourist Development Funds. Commissioner Benac agreed.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.

The motion, as amended, carried 7-0.

Motion - Defer Interlocal Agreement

 A motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore, to defer action on the Interlocal Agreement to the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baugh and carried 7-0. BC20180410DOC057

39. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY/AGREEMENT/OAKWOOD APARTMENTS**

 Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, noted that Attorney Robert Greene was present on this agenda item.

Motion

 A motion was made by Commissioner Benac, to authorize the Chairman to execute Second Amendment to Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) and Deed Restrictions for Oakwood Apartments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baugh.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.

 Commissioner DiSabatino commented on the requirements for Affordable Housing (Section 2 of the 7/27/10 Agreement). She asked that any buyer of this property be notified that they may need to look into the possibility of working with the County to re-engineer the property due to issues with water flow on the property.

(Depart Commissioner Smith)

 Geri Lopez, Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Director, explained the Second Amendment removes from the Agreement, the statutory requirement for the owner to give first right of refusal, which is only for properties that receive state funding. There is no legal requirement to keep it in the Agreement, and all other components of the agreement remain unchanged.

 William Clague, Assistant County Attorney, stated the agreement runs with the land, and the requirements for affordable housing will remain in effect.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.

Motion - Call the Question

 A motion was made by Commissioner Baugh, seconded by Commissioner Jonsson and carried 6-0, with Commissioner Smith absent, to call the question.

Vote

The vote on the original motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Smith absent. BC20180410DOC058

RECESS/RECONVENE: 12:15 P.M. – 1:31 P.M. All Commissioners were present.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith

-  Relayed concern regarding people living on boats and asked what can be done about abandoned vessels around the Terra Ceia Bridge.

Discussion ensued that the West Coast Inland Navigation District is in the process of hiring someone to help with the removal of abandoned vessels.

- Stated the Board needs to revisit policies on affordable housing

Discussion occurred regarding the need for wholesale changes in land use restrictions in order to provide the necessary supply of affordable housing, requirements for developments in the urban core, and expediting a project to use as an example for others to follow.

The County Administrator spoke about a citizen request for changes to impact fee and utility fee programs for small units that will not consume the minimum flow.

Commissioner DiSabatino

-  Commented on tomorrow's joint meeting with the School Board and requested information as to how the County currently funds School Resource Officers (SRO), what the County pays and what the County is required to pay

Discussion occurred regarding expectations for funding for SROs, State mandate for SROs, cities pay for their share of SROs in the schools within their city limits, need to understand what the law requires and the intention of the funding from the State, need to also look at the hardening of schools for use as shelters, School Board shortfall in funding for Officers, determine statutory requirements for the County to fund SROs, the Administrator has met with the School Superintendent and the Sheriff to gather data for the budget process, an SRO is a fully-sworn deputy with other law enforcement duties when not working at a school, and County budget versus School Board budget.

- Asked the County Attorney for a report on any lawsuits against any clubs (sexually-oriented businesses) in the County

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, stated litigation is underway with several clubs in the County.

Commissioner Whitmore

-  Asked if there could be a requirement to cut up plastic can holders during the recycling process

The County Administrator stated he will discuss this with the Utilities Director.

- Stated it has been determined that dredging is necessary in the Highland Shores Canal
- Requested that during the April 11th joint meeting, the School Board be asked to explain what is going on with Manatee Educational Television
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Commissioner Benac

-  Commented on hurricane shelters and the role of school principals. She requested a copy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Report done for Sarasota County.
There was discussion about the County's upcoming hurricane exercise.
- Commented on impact fees and stated school impact fees are charged at the maximum rate
Discussion occurred regarding misinformation in letters to the editor, and that impact fees are passed on to the homebuyer and consumer.
- Spoke about the AirBnB Bed Tax agreement in another county

Commissioner Jonsson

- Commented on the School Board Budget, and staff and school student enrollment

Chairman Trace

- Commented on a Peace River Manasota Regional Water Authority meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Trace adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____