

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
1112 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida  
April 24, 2018**

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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

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


**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1.  The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Ed Holloway, Redeemer Lutheran Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Time Certain:

2. Item 46, Senator Galvano Legislative Update – 9:30 a.m.
3. Item 45, School Resource Officers – 10:30 a.m.
4. Item 48, Certificate of Recognition for Naomi Bivens – 11:45 a.m.
5. Item 44, Amendments to Secondhand Dealers Ordinance (Ordinance 18-26) – 1:30 p.m.
49.  Agenda Updates
  - Item 18 – Final Plat – Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1: Requested action updated
    4. Accept, execute and record Maintenance Agreement for Right-of-Way Improvements
    8. Accept, execute and record Mortgagee’s Joinder in and Ratification of the Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from Iberiabank
    9. Accept, execute and Record Mortgagee’s Joinder in and Ratification of the Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from Sabal Palm Bank
  - Item 23 – Request for Proposal 16-2353FL, Computerized Maintenance Management System – Utility System: The second paragraph in the requested action was updated to read:
    - Authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement
  - Item 27 – Tree Trust Fund Applications: Deferred to May 8, 2018
  - Item 37 – Willow Walk Phase II, Subphases A, B, C, D & E: Wastewater Utility Participation Agreement, The agreement was revised and replaced to correct the sum outlined in Paragraph 3.(a)(Page 3) to “Three Hundred Fifty Three Thousand...”


**REQUESTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

1.  Items 15, 19 and 38 were pulled for individual consideration.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

6.  A Retirement Award was presented to Yoshira Castro, Librarian III, Neighborhood Services Department, honoring her 16+ years of service. BC20180424DOC000

**PROCLAMATIONS**


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


7. Palm-Aire Women’s Club – April 24, 2018, accepted by Peg McKinley and other members of the Palm-Aire Women’s Club. BC20180424DOC000

8. National Arbor Day – April 27, 2018, accepted by Bill Webster and members of the Environmental Lands Management Acquisition Committee (ELMAC). BC20180424DOC000  
(Continued to later in meeting)


46. **ADMINISTRATOR/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

 Nick Azzara, Information Outreach Coordinator, introduced Senator Bill Galvano.

 Senator Galvano provided an update of the 2018 Legislative session and highlighted the success of Robinson Preserve, and noted that over \$106 million in funding was acquired for projects within Manatee County. He also commented on the School Safety Act that was enacted as a result of the Parkland shooting and legislation dealing with opioids.

 Discussion ensued regarding the need for an additional bridge over the Manatee River, funding for school resource officers, \$200 million of the funding is going to providing school security and each system is different, funds were put toward the guardian program, intent to provide as much funding as needed to ensure resource officers are in the schools, and funding and implementing the complete streets on 15th Street East.

**PROCLAMATIONS** (Continued from earlier in meeting)

9.  World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day – April 28, 2018, accepted by Dr. Brian Nell BC20180424DOC000

10. Every Child a Reader Week, April 23-27, 2018, accepted by Lisa Morrison, Kiwanis Club of Bradenton BC20180424DOC000


11. National Small Business Week, April 29-May 5, 2018, accepted by Jackie Delzeski, President and CEO of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce BC20180424DOC000

Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of small businesses in Manatee County, and of the 2,000 plus total businesses, almost half employ less than five people.

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

Katherine Edwards addressed legislation regarding beach access and the negative impacts it can have on the local economy and local control.

Discussion ensued regarding the beaches and access, and state funds being used to improve the beaches.

 There being no further citizens comments, Chairman Trace closed Citizens Comments.

13. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Consent Agenda Items)  
There being no citizens comments, Chairman Trace closed Citizens Comments.
14. **CLERK'S CONSENT AGENDA** BC20180424DOC000
- A. **MINUTES**  
Approved the Minutes May 10, 2016 (inadvertently left off the Consent), October 5, 2017, and April 5 and 11, 2018 BC20180424DOC000
  - B. **REFUND**  
Approved the following refund:
    - Utility Customer 174686-152857 - Billing Adjustment, \$513.47 BC20180424DOC000
  - C. **CONTRACT**  
Accepted the following contract per Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code and pursuant to the Purchasing Division's Administrative Standards and Procedures Manual:
    - Changer Order 1 to Contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., for chiller and exhaust fan replacement at the water treatment laboratory; increase of \$12,346.33, adjusted total \$373,837.80, and an additional 61 calendar days for a final completion date of August 30, 2018 BC20180424DOC000
  - D. **REPORT**  
Accepted the following financial report:
    - Trailer Estates Park and Recreation District - FY 2018/19 Budget BC20180424DOC000
  - E. **SHERIFF BOND**  
Accepted the list of six additional employees and the deletion of 12 employees from the Sheriff's Public Employee Bond BC20180424DOC000
  - F. **PARTIAL RELEASE OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIEN**
    - Project 3137 - Winterland Estates Sewer, Madison G. Trotter BC20180424DOC000
16. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/FLOOD INSURANCE**  
Approved the purchase of ten (10) flood insurance policies, \$92,614, and authorized the County Attorney, or his designee, to execute all related documents BC20180424DOC000
17. **COUNTY ATTORNEY/LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE**  
Approved the purchase of an annual liquor liability insurance policy, \$3,725, and authorized the County Attorney, or his designee, to execute all related documents BC20180424DOC000
18. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/FINAL PLAT/TWIN RIVERS, PHASE V, SUBPHASE A1**
- Executed and authorized recording of Final Subdivision Plat;
  - Authorized recording Eleventh Amendment to Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Easements, and Restrictions of Twin Rivers;
  - Approved, accepted and authorized recording of Fiscal and Budgetary Information Respecting Twin Rivers, Phase V-A1, Subdivision;
  - Accepted, executed and authorized recording of Maintenance Agreement for Right-of-Way Improvements;
  - Authorized recording of Maintenance Program for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
  - Authorized recording of Notice to Buyers for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
  - Authorized recording of List of Holdings for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
  - Accepted, executed and authorized recording of Mortgagee's Joinder in and Ratification of the Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from Iberiabank for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;

- Accepted, executed and authorized recording of Mortgagee's Joinder in and Ratification of the Subdivision Plat and All Dedications and Reservations Thereon from Sabal Palm Bank for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
- Authorized recording of Consent of Mortgage from Iberiabank for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
- Authorized recording of Consent of Mortgage from Sabal Palm Bank for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute and record Agreement for Public Subdivision with Public Improvements for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1;
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept and execute Form for Letter of Credit as Defect Security Warranting Required Improvements for Performance of Required Public Improvements, Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1; and
- Authorized the County Administrator to accept, execute and record Bill of Sale from Gamble Creek LC for Twin Rivers Phase V, Subphase A1

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20. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT/CE2012100104**

Reduced the fines for this case to \$1,000 plus \$40 recording fees, as previously recommended by the Special Magistrate on March 28, 2018, subject to the following conditions:

- The reduced fines shall be paid within 90 days or will revert back to the original fine amount of \$207,240 for CE2012100104;
- Recording fees shall be paid, which total \$40; and
- Building and Development Services Department Director is authorized to sign satisfactions of liens if the reduced fines are paid

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21. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-18-056

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22. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT/TARA 20 FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT**

Executed Change Order 1 to Agreement 16-1930DC with TB Landmark Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$256,983.24, total amount of \$2,837,229.04, and adding 30 calendar days to the time for completion

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23. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/AGREEMENT/COMPUTERIZED MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

- Authorized awarding an Agreement to Cardno, Inc., for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,240,480; and
- Authorized the County Administrator or his designee to execute the agreement

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24. **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/AGREEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

- Authorized execution of Amendment 1 to the FY 17/18 Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP) Agreement EH-17/18-MAN with the Senior Connection Center, Inc., extending the end date of the agreement, increasing funding, and revising the budget summary; and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-18-061, amending the annual budget for Manatee County for FY 17/18

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25. **PARK AND NATURAL RESOURCES/AGREEMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

- Authorized execution of Agreement 18CF0001028 with Southwest Florida Water Management District, \$31,500, for the Mill Creek Water Quality Plan (N889); and
- Adopted Budget Amendment Resolution B-18-060, amending the annual budget for Manatee County for FY 18

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26. **PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES/RESOLUTION**

- Authorized the use of a Personal Training Agreement for G. T. Bray Recreation Center; and
  - Adopted Resolution R-18-043, authorizing the Department Director, or his or her designee, to execute Personal Training Agreements for the G. T. Bray Recreation Center
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28. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

Accepted and authorized recording of Corrective Warranty Deed from Patricia Kaye McClain and Kenneth W. McClain for property located at 11731 69th Street East, Parrish

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

Executed a Contract for Sale and Purchase with Robert McLean and Heather McLean for the purpose of the 44th Avenue East Road Improvement Project, from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East, \$500,000

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

Accepted recorded Warranty Deed from Jason T. Cross and Jeffrey D. Taylor for the 44th Avenue East Road Improvement Project, from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East

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

Accepted recorded Warranty Deed from Rene and Helen G. Hernandez for the 44th Avenue East Road Improvement Project, from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East

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

Accepted recorded Warranty Deed from Harry and Wanda Pincus for the 44th Avenue East Road Improvement Project, from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East

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

- Accepted recorded Warranty Deed from Winding Roads, LLC;
  - Accepted recorded Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Joy Lobeck;
  - Accepted recorded Quitclaim Deed from Brayan Ates Sanchez; and
  - Accepted recorded Quitclaim Deed from Evelyn M. Cruz and David Hernandez for the 44th Avenue East Road Improvement Project, from 45th Street East to 44th Avenue Plaza East
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34. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/DEEDS AND EASEMENTS**

- Accepted recorded Warranty Deed from Three Angels, Inc.; and
  - Accepted recorded Affidavit of Ownership and Encumbrances from Three Angels, Inc.
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35. **PUBLIC WORKS/SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

- Authorized to classify property, which is uneconomical to upgrade or repair as surplus per Florida Statute 274.05, to enable appropriate and authorized disposition of said property, and authorized to thereafter dispose of such property;
  - Adopted Resolution R-18-058, authorizing donation to METV; and
  - Adopted Resolution R-18-055, authorizing donation to the Florida Department of Health
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36. **PUBLIC WORKS/SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Authorized to classify vehicles, which is uneconomical to upgrade or repair as surplus per Florida Statute 274.05, to enable appropriate and authorized disposition of said property, and authorized to thereafter dispose of such property

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37. **PUBLIC WORKS/AGREEMENT**  
Executed the Wastewater Utility Participation Agreement with Willow Walk LLC, for Phase II, Subphases A, B, C, D and E BC20180424DOC000
39. **REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**  
Adopted Resolution R-18-061, finding that Project Beacon is approved for an Economic Development Incentive Grant BC20180424DOC000
40. **UTILITIES/AGREEMENT**  
Executed Amendment 1 to City of Bradenton Potable Water Agreement for an additional active meter BC20180424DOC000
41. **UTILITIES/AGREEMENT**  
Approved the City of Palmetto's written renewal notice to extend the current Potable Water Agreement for an additional 10-year term
42. **MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA**  
A motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino and seconded by Commissioner Jonsson, and carried 7-0, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the changes noted in the Agenda Update Memorandum, and with the deletion of Items 15, 19, 28 (separate actions) and Item 27 (deferred).  
(End Consent Agenda)

**ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS** (Presentations upon request)



43. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/RESOLUTION/VACATION**  
 A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Resolution R-18-036, vacating a Portion of Drainage Easements within the plat of Hidden Meadows for property located at 6232 28th Avenue East, Bradenton.

Motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino, seconded by Commissioner Baugh and carried 7-0, to adopt Resolution R-18-036.


47. **ADMINISTRATOR/DASHBOARD**  
 Commissioner DiSabatino commented on the March 2018 dashboard report and discussed building permits, land development applications, the reserve for contingency and the half-cent sales tax funds.


No action is required.


**RECESS/RECONVENE:** 10:23 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. All Commissioners present.

45. **ADMINISTRATOR/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)**  
 Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, stated if the Board supports the School District of Manatee County (SDMC) request to pay 50 percent of the cost for SROs, there would be a need to have an increase in the millage. Legislation requiring additional SROs is an unfunded mandate to the School Boards, not the Counties.
-  Discussion ensued regarding current funding for SROs, this year is covered by the SDMC, and Sarasota County has opted to create their own security force and questioned why the SDMC does not consider this.


Mr. Hunzeker stated the County currently pays \$1.8 million for SROs. Action today could determine what the outcome will be regarding those deputies currently acting as SROs.

 Discussion continued regarding keeping the current funding for SROs, deputies must protect the residents of Manatee County, proposed homestead exemption will take away further revenue from the County, and where would funds from a millage increase be assigned.

 Mr. Hunzeker clarified the SDMC is exempt from homestead exemptions, and the millage increase goes to the operating budget.


 Discussion continued regarding reserves, what money could be used to pay the SROs, County pays half the salary of the current 18 SROs, what is the SDMC doing with the additional millage from the referendum, County has not raised their millage since 2009, what does the SDMC have in their reserves, what do SROs do when school is not in session, and based on a 40-hour work week, schools get 75 percent of the officers time.

 School Board Member, David "Watchdog" Miner feels the County Commission provides a safe place for residents to live, and encouraged the Board to help fund SROs. The additional millage the School Board received is only allowed to be spent on designated uses.


 Scott Bassett addressed funding SROs, the 50/50 split for funding, and the need to protect students and teachers. He encouraged the Board to continue funding for the SROs.

 Ron Cirrana, Deputy Superintendent SDMC, urged the County Commission to continue the funding for SROs.


 Katherine Edwards questioned if the municipalities help fund SROs and addressed the Sheriff's budget.


 Jim Satcher commented on a recent bill requiring an option for school prayer.


 Scott Tyler, City of Palmetto Police Chief, clarified that the SROs provided by the Palmetto Police Department are funded 50/50 with the School Board.

 City of Palmetto Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, requested clarification as to the inclusion of Charter Schools.


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

 Mr. Cirrana responded to questions and confirmed that the SDMC hired an additional 34 officers this year after the Parkland shooting, and the funds for these officers came from the operating budget. The one mill millage increase is designated for specific budget items. There are contracts with the Cities to supply law enforcement officers. At this time, the SDMC prefers to use existing law enforcement in the County to secure schools. He asked for more time to balance the budget and consider all options for SROs. Currently \$400,000 goes to the 12 Charter Schools in the County, which are not included in the request.

 Discussion ensued regarding new Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) requirements for the County to man and fully fund emergency shelters, need to look at the SROs one year at a time, and need additional information from the SDMC before taking action.

 Dr. Diana Greene, SDMC Superintendent, responded that schools are to post signage of “In God We Trust” in each school. She confirmed the School District must go to a referendum to raise the millage.

 Motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino to table this discussion for a date certain (May 8, 2018) in two to three weeks for the School District and law enforcement agencies to come to a solution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

 Discussion ensued regarding possibility of a bureau of law enforcement for the schools, raise millage for public safety, find out what other School Districts are doing, Florida Statute 1013.372, and what are the other items being funded with the additional one mill.

Mr. Cirrana assured the Board he understands the information the Board requested.


 The motion carried 5-2, with Commissioners Jonsson and Baugh voting nay.

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19. **BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/CODE ENFORCEMENT/CE2016010245**

Motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner Smith to reduce fines to \$0.

Jeff Bowman, Code Enforcement Chief, confirmed that staff agrees to reducing the fines to \$0.

 Upon question, Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, stated the transactions between the buyer and seller of property is a private matter.

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

The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Benac voting nay.


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**COMMISSIONER AGENDA**

48. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR NAOMI BIVENS**

Commissioner Smith read a Certificate of Recognition for Naomi Bivens, honoring her 95th Birthday. The certificate was accepted by Mrs. Bivens’ daughters.

15. **ADMINISTRATOR/VOTER PRECINCT CHANGES**

 Discussion ensued that the precinct changes are all in District 5 due to the increase in population.

 Michael Bennett, Supervisor of Elections, confirmed there is time to notify residents of the changes, and they will receive new Voter Identification cards. His office is neutral from the political parties. He stressed the importance of voting by mail and educating voters. The office anticipates having five locations for early voting, and 28 percent of voters participated in early voting.

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





Motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore, seconded by Commissioner Baugh and carried 7-0 to accept recommendations from Mike Bennett, Supervisor of Elections, to approve precinct changes as outlined in his letter (4/13/18). BC20180424DOC000


RECESS/RECONVENE: 12:02 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. All Commissioners present.

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (Presentation scheduled)

44. ATTORNEY/ORDINANCE/SECONDHAND DEALERS

 A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider adoption of proposed Ordinance 18-026, modifying regulations imposed upon secondhand dealers.


 Michelle Hall, General Counsel for Manatee County Sheriff Office, introduced the Ordinance.

 Sergeant Chris D'Agostino and Detective April Culbreath explained it has been difficult to prosecute and identify individuals and reunite some victims with their property. The Chamber of Commerce has no issues with the proposed updates.


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


Motion was made by Commissioner Whitmore, seconded by Commissioner Baugh, and carried 7-0 to adopt Ordinance 18-026

38. REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY/FY 18/21 LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN

 Denise Thomas, Community Development Division Manager, explained this is an annual contract. The application form for those interested in participating in the program has been updated. She provided an overview of the application process and stated that, with the funding available, the County can only serve approximately 10 to 13 applicants. This year, the County will receive \$500,000 in SHIP funding, which is a reduction from the \$1.3 million received last year.


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

 Motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino, seconded by Commissioner Baugh and carried 7-0, to adopt Resolution R-18-059; and execute the certification to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for approval of Manatee County's FY 18/21 Local Housing Assistance Plan for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program.

 Upon question, Ms. Thomas explained funding was cut throughout the State and the funds were reduced due to Hurricane Irma. BC20180424DOC000

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**Commissioner Whitmore**

-  Commented on signage for sensitive seagrass areas within Sarasota Bay. She noted that the Sarasota Bay Estuary has available funds to purchase the signs
- Provided a history of the Cortez Bridge and stated she will support a 35-foot high replacement bridge

Discussion ensued regarding traffic congestion along Cortez Road going to the Island, why

did Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) choose the fixed-span option, work on park-and-rides, Ringling Bridge is a good example of what can be done, FDOT is committed to working with the communities on each side of the bridge; a fixed-span bridge is the right decision from a safety standpoint and would cost approximately \$25,000 less than a draw bridge, FDOT went through a long, detailed process before coming to a decision, encourage the Cortez community to stay involved and review FDOT's Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, possibility of a bus lane on the proposed bridge, and FDOT is moving on to the design phase and looking at the use of the space under the bridge.

- Requested a report on the status of 119th Street West

Discussion ensued that there was a change to the work program to lengthen the amount of road on the project, and Hunter's Point was on notice that the Cortez Bridge was possibly coming.

#### **Commissioner Benac**

- Stated the number one priority on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) list was the DeSoto Bridge Replacement. Since there is a need to increase capacity on the bridge, she asked the MPO to combine priority 17, the Central Manatee Network Alternative Analysis (CMNAA), and the DeSoto Bridge replacement as the number one priority. Because the CMNAA is a planning process, the MPO voted to make their number one priority getting to the PD&E.

Discussion ensued regarding getting the PD&E expedited, need funding for PD&E, ask the Chairman to send a letter to Senator Galvano and the FDOT Secretary to update them on the action taken at the MPO, which includes moving up the PD&E, and allow the MPO to move forward.

(Commissioner Comments continued to later in the meeting)

#### **MANATEE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION (METV)**

Commission Benac commented that the State College of Florida (SCF) Board of Trustees will meet tonight at 5:30 p.m., to consider the future of METV. She noted that the last vote of the Board of Trustees was to shut down SFC support for METV.

Discussion ensued regarding concern for the community if METV goes away and the need for Commissioners and staff to attend the meeting.



Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, stated METV was formed by a consortium of the University of South Florida (USF), the SDMC and SCF. SCF is the fiscal agent and the SDMC provides facilities. USF has no formal role. The SDMC has since formed their own station, MSTV. METV has a deficit of \$160,000. A suggestion was made to reconstitute METV under SCF and Manatee County Government with a fee schedule. The key at this time is whether SCF wants to continue as fiscal agent. No commitment has been made for Manatee County Government to fund any part of the program.




Motion was made by Commissioner Benac, that it is the position of this Board for METV to remain an asset of the community and put together a plan to make it financially sustainable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baugh.

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


The motion carried 7-0.

(Commissioner Comments continued from earlier in the meeting)

**Commissioner Smith**

-  Commented on Governor Scott's designation of Low Tax Opportunity zones throughout Florida and stated the County needs to take advantage of this program
- Addressed the SDMC request for SROs, and that the County is not mandated to fund SROs

Discussion ensued regarding the School Board should be able to work their budget to cover the funding, County has an obligation to protect residents, not a mandate for the County, other Counties are taking the same stance, and what does the Sheriff feels he needs regarding SROs.

 Mr. Hunzeker stated the Sheriff currently has 18 positions, and the School board reimburses him for one-half the cost of those SRO positions. This is an unfunded mandate on the School Districts. If the County provides funding, there would be no need for the School Districts to litigate with the legislature.

- Supported the SHIP application (Item 38) and thanked Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Department
- Stated there is a need to move forward with the old jail with affordable housing, the First Union building, and the monitoring of the parking garage.

**Commissioner Baugh**

- Questioned how the School District's additional one mill can be used

(Commissioner Comments continued to later in the meeting)

**PRAYER IN SCHOOL**

Commissioner Baugh referenced an earlier comment regarding prayer in school and asked if any bill has been approved that would change the 2011 Florida Statute (F.S. 1003.45).

Motion was made by Commissioner Baugh and seconded by Commissioner Smith to have the County Attorney look into Statute 1003.45 to see if there has been an update. The motion carried 7-0.

(Commissioner Comments continued from earlier in the meeting)

**Commissioner DiSabatino**

- Questioned if the County will continue to pay for the SROs that are currently funded by the County


Discussion took place that the Commission needs to know what the Sheriff needs.

Mr. Hunzeker stated the Sheriff has 18 positions devoted to the schools, and he pays for these from his budget and the School Board reimburses for half.

- Advised that the Sheriff's Office has requested a traffic signal at the intersection of Florida Boulevard and 26th Street West and asked how the County moves forward with that request

Mr. Hunzeker stated he will discuss this with Public Works staff.


- Commented on a complaint by Dr. Roger Ferguson regarding a fence constructed around the pool in his neighbor's yard. She outlined Code Enforcement actions taken during Special Magistrate hearings.

 Jeff Bowman, Code Enforcement Chief, commented on actions taken on this Code Enforcement case and stated the Special Magistrate ruled in favor of the respondent. He displayed pictures and noted the fence is a barrier for the pool, with is allowed as an accessory structure in the Whitfield Ballentine area.

Discussion ensued regarding the setbacks in the Whitfield Ballentine area, a County permit was issued for the barrier, and the Code Enforcement Division has accepted the Special Magistrate's decision.

(Depart Commissioner Whitmore)

Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney, advised that an appeal to the Special Magistrate decision must go to the Circuit Court.

 Kate Zamboni, Assistant County Attorney, commented on the actions taken at the Special Magistrate hearing.


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### STREET LIGHTING

Commissioner DiSabatino commented on street lighting in Samoset and the possibility of funding that lighting with Tax Increment Funding funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner DiSabatino and seconded by Commissioner Smith for the County Administrator and staff to come forward in the next month with a report with the cost and a plan involved in putting street lights in Samoset.

Discussion ensued regarding being consistent, Washington Park and Rubonia paid for their own lights, street lights were included on the infrastructure sales tax referendum, a specific street light project was included on the approved list of projects, ongoing electrical costs that cannot be paid for with sales tax funds, the lack of street lights is a public safety issue, Oneco and Samoset have been designated to have a plan to ensure improvements over the next few years, and ask Geri Lopez, Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Director, to send the Board a plan.

 Mr. Hunzeker stated staff is working on the proposal for street lights in Samoset. They are in the process of determining where the lights will be located. As soon as the cost per household is determined, staff can proceed with the required poling.

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

The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Whitmore absent.

### ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Trace adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_