

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 8, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida. The following members were present: Chairman D'Aprile, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Loftus. Also in attendance were County Administrator Baltz, County Attorney Knowlton, Chief Deputy Board Services White, Executive Assistant Gant, and Minutes Supervisor Nice. The following members were absent: None. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

The invocation was given by Father John Ludden, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda:

Addition #1: Growth Management - VI. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM
#2 - Continue the adoption hearing for an Ordinance amending Section 3-9-2, Rules of Construction

Deletion #1: Environmental and Extension Services - J-1 -
Approve an extension on Florida Wildlife Commission Grant No. 07010 from the original date of December 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

CHAIRMAN D'APRILE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, AND A SECOND WAS NOT REQUIRED
Motion Carried 5:0.

Special Recognition

Proclamations - Commissioner Adam Cummings

Arts and Humanities Council Artist of the Month

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL ARTIST OF THE MONTH PROCLAMATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.
Motion Carried 5:0.

Denice Soto accepted the Proclamation and thanked her family and friends for their support and criticism, the Arts and Humanities Council for all they do, and the Board for its continued support.

National Recreation and Parks Month

**COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED TO APPROVE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH PROCLAMATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.
Motion Carried 5:0.**

Recreation Division Manager Joanne Larson accepted the Proclamation, commented on services provided by staff and volunteers, referenced comments made by Governor Charlie Crist about how parks enhance the quality of everyone's lives, expressed appreciation for the Board's support, and gave a slide presentation on benefits to residents and the community.

Employee Recognition - Commissioner Adam Cummings and County Administrator Baltz

10 YEARS: Thomas Gravagna, Building Construction Services; Gary Pederzolli, GIS; John Siemer, Facilities; Sandra Williamson, Building Construction Services and 20 YEARS: Robert Hargett, Building Construction Services.

Award Presentations - None

I. CITIZEN INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Calvin N. LeBuffe, spoke last month, commented on the Stump Pass Dredging project and suggested installing a prototype of the patented Salt Water Catch Basin that could eliminate continuous dredging and expressed the belief that a study to determine its feasibility is warranted. Mr. LeBuffe referenced distributed documents and requested Board Members' input. Chairman D'Aprile suggested an appointment be set for the Board to view a video presentation on the Catch Basin process.

II. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Charlotte County is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Committees:

Charlotte Ranchettes Street & Drainage Unit Advisory Board - is seeking one alternate member. Volunteer must be a resident of Charlotte County and reside within the unit. Term expires January 23, 2009.

Construction Industry Licensing Board - is seeking a volunteer to represent the mechanical contractor category. Volunteer must be a resident of Charlotte County for at least 2 years and be a licensed mechanical contractor. Length of term until May, 2009.

Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee - is seeking two volunteers who are residents and electors of the County. One volunteer is needed representing the business/land development category and another is needed to represent the environmental expertise category.

Harbour Heights Waterway Maintenance District Advisory Board is seeking one volunteer to finish the term of the alternate. This term is effective immediately and will expire April 10, 2009. Must live within the Unit.

South Bridge Water Way Municipal Service Benefit Unit is seeking two (2) members and one (1) alternate member. Must live in the unit. Terms effective immediately and length of term will be determined at first meeting.

Suncoast Waterway Maintenance Municipal Service Benefit Unit is seeking three (3) regular members and one (1) alternate member. Must live in the unit. Terms effective immediately and length of term will be determined at first meeting.

III. REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED - None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.

Motion Carried 5:0.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Finance Division

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Clerk's Finance Memoranda.

- a. Memorandum #1 - Status of Contingency Reserves - FY 06/07
- b. Memorandum #1A - Status of Contingency Reserves - FY 07/08
- c. Memorandum #2 - Total Disbursements for the Period June 17 through 27, 2008 in the amount of \$31,993,952.90
- d. Memorandum #3 - Quarterly Report Unclaimed Excess Money
- e. Memorandum #4 - Excess Funds on Tax Deed Applications
BUDGETED ACTION: None

B. Minutes Division

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Minutes for:

April 8, 2008 Regular Meeting

April 8, 2008 Strategic Financial Review

April 10, 2008 Special Meeting

April 15, 2008 Land Use Meeting BUDGETED ACTION: None

Board of County Commissioners

C. Commission Office

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Mr. Ron Kubala as the alternate member on the Gulf Cove Waterway Advisory Board for a two year term. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint John Homer Fleming to the Marine Advisory Committee as the Member-at-Large representative replacing Bob DiMuzio who has resigned. This term is effective immediately and ends December 31, 2010. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(3) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Reappoint Joan Hayes to the Code Enforcement Board. Joan is currently serving as the Sub-Contractor and has requested to be reappointed. This position was advertised and no other volunteers have applied. BUDGETED ACTION: None

D. Administration - No Items.

E. County Attorney - No Items.

F. Budget Office

(1) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division to apply for the Byrne Forensics Initiative Grant in the amount of \$15,654 to purchase equipment necessary for enhanced and more efficient processing of criminal forensic investigations and to accept the grant if awarded. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

Grant 2008-014

(2) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Section to apply for the Byrne Substance Abuse Education Initiative Grant in the amount of \$5,225 to aid in covering expenses associated with providing education incentives for 5th grade and 7th grade students and to accept the grant if awarded. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

Grant 2008-015

(3) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** a) Request the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners' acceptance of the role as the coordinating unit of government in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program with the Budget Office administrating the grant and authorize the Chairman to complete and execute the attached Certificate of Participation in connection therewith; b) Approval for the Budget Office to apply for the Byrne Grant for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte County Court Administration and the City of Punta Gorda; and c) Approval of 90% of the Byrne Grant funds' distribution between the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office for \$12,100 and Charlotte County Court Administration for \$20,000 and the City of Punta Gorda for 10% in the amount of \$3,567, for a total of \$35,667. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

Grant 2008-028

(4) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Set a public hearing for July 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as can be heard, to consider an ordinance amending County Code Chapter 3-8 Article II concerning regulated water and wastewater utilities to include price indexing and grandfather certificates. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

(5) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Set a Public Hearing for July 22, 2008, at 10:00 AM, or as soon as can be heard, to consider an ordinance

granting an electric franchise to Florida Power and Light Company. BUDGETED ACTION: None

G. Growth Management - No Items.

H. Economic Development

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution amending Resolution 92-251, changing the name of the Charlotte County Community Redevelopment Agency to Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Resolution 2008-071

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a resolution to amending Resolution 92-252, changing the name and composition of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Committee. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Resolution 2008-072

J. Environmental Services - No Items.

K. Facilities Construction and Maintenance - No Items.

L. General Services

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Change Order #1 to Contract #08-240, Port Charlotte Beach Renourishment, with Abbotts Back-Hoe Service, Inc. for additional material and labor in the amount of \$67,326 with a revised contract amount of \$143,403.75. BUDGETED ACTION: Funded in FEMA project number d040461.

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Change Order #3 to Contract #07-336, Carmalita Street Improvements, with E. T. MacKenzie of Florida, Inc., for additional work and various structure modifications in the amount of \$137,207.84 and a revised contract amount of \$7,660,283.09. BUDGETED ACTION: Funding is available in the Road Improvements fund. CIP project c410201, Carmalita St/ Education Ave Improvements. Project total \$12,917,000.

(3) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve deletion of the property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of July, 2008. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(4) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve termination of the remaining elements of Contract #07-350, Design - Storm Drain Culvert Replacements, with DMK Associates, Inc. BUDGETED ACTION: None*

M. Human Resources - No Items.

N. Human Services

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: a) Approve 2008-2009 Healthy Kids Community Partnership Contract and related Budget Amendment #08-A33. This contract awards the Family Services Center \$12,000 for the period of July 15, 2008 - June 30, 2009 to provide marketing and outreach services for Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and b) Authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign contract and any contract amendments, extensions, or renewals. BUDGETED ACTION: Approve Budget Amendment #08-A33 in the amount of \$12,000.*

Grant 2008-016

P. Information Technology - No Items.

Q. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources - No Items.

R. Public Safety - No Items.

S. Public Works - No Items.

T. Real Estate Services

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resolution authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Agreement for Exchange of Real Property between Charlotte County and Janis Keim. This is a voluntary exchange transaction for a vacant lot affected by the Edgewater Flamingo road-widening project. BUDGETED ACTION: None*

Resolution 2008-073

(2) *RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the attached Resolution approving the release of portions of two (2) six-foot (6') wide utility and drainage easements located in Port Charlotte Subdivision, Section Fifty-Six, and further authorizing the Director of Real Estate*

Services to execute the County Deed releasing said portions of said easements. (Owners: David L. and Ivanette A. Broussard)
BUDGETED ACTION: None

Resolution 2008-074

V. Tourism Development - No Items.

W. Utilities

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a new Utility System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2008 to replace the Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 1996B and 1998. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Resolution 2008-075

X. Building & Construction Services

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve four (4) Amendments from KB Homes For Fort Myers LLC to extend the following Developer's Agreements and attached surety for Final Plats as follows:

- a) FP 04-04-07 - Creekside Subdivision from April 19, 2005 to April 19, 2009 (**Agreement 2005-012**);
- b) FP 04-06-13 - Creekside Phase II from December 14, 2005 to December 14, 2009 (**Agreement 2005-056**);
- c) FP 04-08-16 - Creekside Phase III from February 14, 2006 to February 14, 2009 (Agreement 2006-005); and
- d) FP 05-04-05 - Oak Harbour II from June 27, 2007 to June 27, 2009 (**Agreement 2006-029**).
BUDGETED ACTION: None

Y. Other Agencies - No Items.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Z. Regular Agenda

(1) Economic Development - RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and consideration by the Board of County Commissioners and as ex-officio governing board of the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency of the Land Management and Development Agreement between the County and Tramell Webb Partners, Inc.

Economic Development Manager Deborah Forester explained the terms of the agreement and reported the Advisory Committee recommended the Board to not accept the proposed agreement. **Commissioner Moore** expressed opposition to entering into any such contracts at this time. **Commissioner Loftus** concurred due to the down turn in the economy. **Commissioner Duffy** agreed. **Chairman D'Aprile** expressed concern about the County paying \$20,000 per month for eight to ten months in light of work not being commenced until 12 months and opined the County cannot afford this now.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO NOT TO CONSIDER THE CONTRACT AT THIS TIME, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.

County Administrator Baltz pointed out staff is working on various options in four specific areas dealing with Murdock Village and advised Murdock Village will not be left sitting on a shelf.

Motion Carried 5:0.

X. CITIZEN INPUT - ANY SUBJECT - None.

AA. County Administrator

Mr. Baltz commented on an email on upcoming meetings during July and August concerning the Sales Tax Extension referendum. Mr. Baltz suggested setting a meeting between Board Members and himself for a goal setting session on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM following the Land Use Public Hearings to establish a baseline on determining goal achievements. **Commissioner Moore** requested 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. **Commissioner Duffy** indicated the meeting might take place right after the public hearings. **Commissioner Cummings** agreed. Mr. Baltz confirmed the meeting would be scheduled. Mr. Baltz commented on a conversation with City of Punta Gorda staff on trailer parking fees and advised staff will follow-up on the topic. **Commissioner Duffy** asked about parking fees at facilities and

beaches. Mr. Baltz advised an annual pass may be purchased or the pay and display process is applicable to all park facilities. **Commissioner Duffy** questioned how an individual determines from which entity to purchase the pass or tickets. Mr. Baltz reiterated staff will be working with City of Punta Gorda staff on various issues including the cost.

BB. County Attorney

County Attorney Knowlton said she spoke to most of the Board Members individually and advised four notices were received last week from Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding the phosphate mine located in South Ft. Meade Mine, Hardee County; two of the Notices of Intent deal with the environmental resource permit and conceptual reclamation plan permit and the other two deal with variances for the mine; the South Ft. Meade Mine is 7,800 acres whereas the Ona Mine is 4,000 acres and the Altmann Mine is 2,400 acres; the time to respond is 14 days on the variances and 21 days on the permits and it is a very short time frame for review and they are very lengthy; and reported that Doug Manson, for the Water Authority, has suggested a joint request be filed for an extension by Charlotte, Sarasota, and Lee Counties because it would be more likely to be approved rather than one county filing for an extension. Attorney Knowlton stated the extension would provide additional time to review the documents to ascertain consistency with the phosphate compact and resolve issues over the four-month extension. **Commissioner Moore** questioned the timeline for a ruling on the extension. Ms. Knowlton stated within a short time, not more than a week. **Commissioner Loftus** stated this shows the need to move forward as quickly as possible especially since the letter to Mosaic did not go out until July 20, 2008, work together to resolve issues, negotiate, and sign a contract as quickly as possible. **Chairman D'Aprile** recalled the current compact does not allow dredging within 100 feet. Attorney Knowlton concurred and reiterated staff needs time for review.

CC. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Duffy commented on the need to discuss soon the logistics of operations within the BCC Office due to reduction of two staff members. Attorney Knowlton advised no discussion would be allowed if it is to be brought back to the Board and suggested

Human Resources discuss it with staff. **Chairman D'Aprile** stated BCC has cut almost \$250,000 from the budget including the \$100,000+ for staff and suggested staff decide. **Commissioner Moore** indicated Human Resources personnel and BCC staff should have discussions. **Commissioner Loftus** commented on a conference he attended last week and the possibility of saving dollars on insurance; suggested a consultant evaluate the casualty and property insurance for the County; and suggested a local consultant be retained expeditiously. **Commissioner Duffy** related she was advised by the Administrator from Sarasota County that a savings of \$2,000,000 was achieved as a result of the County going with another company. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out the Gehring Group is a consultant and not an insurance company, they are paid by insurance companies, this will only change consultants, Gehring Group has consistently saved the County a lot of money, and stated an Request for Proposals (RFP) should be issued as part of the process. **Commissioner Moore** commented in support of having the County's insurance re-evaluated by another company. **Chairman D'Aprile** stated there is nothing wrong in trying to find ways to save money and commented in support of an RFP being issued. **Commissioner Cummings** cautioned the Board to ascertain the need to pay any up-front costs and suggested staff look into up-front costs prior to issuance of an RFP. **Commissioner Loftus** pointed out time is of the essence. **Chairman D'Aprile** concluded Board consensus exists. **Chairman D'Aprile** stated it has been brought to his attention that tow rates need to be adjusted due to the lack of profit to the towing companies and the increased cost of gas and requested Board agreement for the Attorney's Office to meet with tow companies. Attorney Knowlton recalled the Board recently adopted Sarasota County's rates and it can be revised and brought back. **Commissioner Loftus** commented in support based on increased fuel prices and questioned the status of revisions to the tent sales ordinance. Attorney Knowlton stated the first draft of revisions was done yesterday, staff is still working on revisions, and the ordinance will be brought back to the Board. **Commissioner Duffy** requested the maximum number of days allowed for tent sales and referenced an automobile sales event on SR 776 that has lasted longer than five days. Attorney Knowlton requested verification on waiting to revise tow rates after Sarasota County revises their rates. **Commissioners Loftus and Chairman D'Aprile** commented in support of moving forward. **Commissioner Moore** expressed concern about constantly changing the rates and requested the indexing baseline. Attorney Knowlton

reported staff will consult with the towing companies and bring back proposed revisions. **Commissioner Cummings** asked if an industry or consumer group exists that would provide information, cautioned the Board in light of regional surges, and recalled citizen and organizational input on specifications for swim suits and nudity laws and tent sales based on a regional organization lobbying in the area. **Commissioner Cummings** stated he does not have a handle on what reasonable towing fees should be. **Chairman D'Aprile** recalled a proposal that was higher, suggested it might be acceptable to all towing agencies, and requested staff to determine mutually agreeable rates. **Commissioner Cummings** stated this is not a high priority item but he wants to hear from both sides. **Commissioner Duffy** stated the tent sales situation needs to be addressed. Attorney Knowlton reported the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) consultant has developed the first draft, staff is reviewing it, and it is anticipated that the updated LDRs will be brought back to the Board this summer. **Commissioner Cummings** stated there is an inherent conflict in where the Board is going e.g. competition from unwelcomed dealerships and expressed concern about implementing standards in conflict with adjacent counties. Zoning Official Nicole Dozier advised staff is redoing the tent sales ordinance to provide a tiered system based on the size of the actual event, length of the sale, and traffic impacts; indicated the ordinance may be ready later this week; and the intent is to make it as fair as possible and not discriminate. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out numerous car sales could be done on various vacant lots. Ms. Dozier stated there will be set number of sales allowed and the intent is to distinguish the number of times such events would be allowed on vacant lots and reminded the Board that tent sales are usually held on large box store lots e.g. Sam's, Wal-mart, and Town Center Mall. **Commissioner Cummings** questioned such sales on vacant lots. Ms. Dozier stated she did not recall any permits being issued for such sales on vacant lots although some firework sales have been held on partially cleared vacant lots. **Chairman D'Aprile** pointed out it is not feasible for large dealerships that bring in hundreds of vehicles to not be able to hold sales for five days or more and expressed concern on protections for Charlotte County residents and businesses and taxes being taken out of the County. **Commissioner Cummings** suggested the "pay and play" process. **Commissioner Duffy** expressed the need to protect local business owners who pay taxes and impact fees and residents against scams. **Commissioner**

Cummings stated it would be Unconstitutional for the County to implement such restrictions from one county to another.

RECESS: 10:15 AM - 10:25 AM

Chairman D'Aprile requested Board Members to make sure their microphones are turned on and to an appropriate level.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA - 10:00 AM

(1) Growth Management - **RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Continue the adoption hearing for an Ordinance amending Section 3-9-94, Planned Development Zoning District

Attorney Knowlton stated the language proffered at the June 24, 2008 public hearing is still before the Board, staff has provided a new ordinance with "compromised language", and requested Board action to open the public hearing. Growth Management Director Jeff Ruggieri explained the compromised language including the maximum of 65' height limitation, open space on pervious property to allow community areas, a "neighborhood meeting" definition is in the compromised language, and the intents and goals of the original ordinance are still in place. **Commissioner Cummings** questioned if the definitions discussed in the second public hearing are included. Mr. Ruggieri stated the definitions are not in the compromised language, they were staff's recommendations. Attorney Knowlton explained the public hearing process dealing with the second public hearing. **Commissioner Duffy** requested clarification of a green roof. Mr. Ruggieri explained the requirements of a green roof including drain off and low impact uses. **Chairman D'Aprile** concluded the old ordinance and a new ordinance is before the Board. Sue Reske and Suzanne Graham commented on the "Miracle Baby" that was previously submitted on buildings approved over 35'; stated no changes are supported at this time; and the current compromise does not negate any design standards. Ms. Graham expressed continued commitment of industry groups and businesses, advisory committees, and chambers of commerce for the Miracle Baby and support for the compromise and agreed no further language changes are necessary. Attorney Robert Berntsson stated this is a huge compromise that will work for Charlotte County; since definition changes are not required, no second public hearing would be needed; recalled a vow by both sides after the last public hearing not to revise the ordinance; and requested approval of

the compromised ordinance. Percy Angelo indicated support of the compromised proposal to achieve height quality for open space; opined the proposal reflects a real compromise of all parties who worked on it; and if the Board approves the compromised ordinance, the Board needs to reject the prior draft. Richard Sinclair stated no ordinance on the books is perfect and can be changed; this represents a good compromise; almost 95% of people have spoken from various segments of the community; and requested the Board listen to what the public wants. B. J. Galbraith stated neither of the Manasota Key Associations she serves on has voted or made a decision on the PD ordinance but they were asked.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE.
Motion Carried 5:0.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2008-053 (THE CITIZEN COMPROMISED LANGUAGE EDITION), SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

Commissioner Moore expressed reluctance regarding the height versus open space requirements for commercial (hotels and not condominiums); stated he cannot and will not risk West County's shoreline; and he will not support the motion. **Commissioner Cummings** stated he has spoken with West County residents in prior years about height increases and many people were against increasing heights; his first choice would be to limit heights; and his second choice would be to support the compromised ordinance. **Chairman D'Aprile** agreed with **Commissioner Cummings**.

Motion Carried 3:2. Commissioner Cummings, and Commissioner Moore opposing.

Commissioner Loftus complimented everyone who worked on the ordinance and reiterated this is a good compromise. **Commissioner Moore** requested verification of the need for legal steps. Attorney Knowlton stated approval of the compromised ordinance negates the need to do anything further by default. **Commissioner Duffy** thanked everyone for their efforts, agreed this is a good compromise, and stated she does not want to see another Miami Beach or Ft. Myers Beach in Charlotte County.

(2) Growth Management - RECOMMENDED ACTION: Continue the adoption hearing for an Ordinance amending Section 3-9-2, Rules of Construction

Mr. Ruggieri stated this item dies based on approval of the ordinance in the first public hearing and no changes to the Zoning Code are contemplated.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA - No Items.

IX. BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA - No Items.

RECESS: 10:50 AM - 2:00 PM

VII. PRESENTATION AGENDA - 2:00 PM

Presentation by the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board regarding the Charlotte County Florida Shared Youth Vision Project.

Dannielle Brun, on behalf of the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, gave a slide presentation on the Shared Youth Vision Project that has been initiated as a pilot program in 27 states; there are two project sites in each state, of which Charlotte County and Jacksonville are the Florida sites; reported juvenile crime rates are rising in Charlotte County; outlined components of the Plan including creation of a Re-Entry Board; summarized Focus Groups membership; reviewed the feedback from focus groups; and establishment and operations of a Youth One-Stop Center with programs and services e.g. recreation program, human services, employment, education, mental health, substance abuse, legal and justice services. Ms. Brun enumerated steps necessary to create and sustain the Family Services Center based on a centralized location, group meeting space, youth accessibility, justice accepting atmosphere, confidential meeting space, youth related services, access to human services; the focus groups stated marketing is important and recommended school based and service providers referrals, joint marketing projects, community events, newsletters, local councils and boards, regional councils and boards, and word of mouth. Ms. Brun advised a small group was formed with no new funding for the Re-Entry Board, providers brought resources instead of waiting for the youth to come for services, a tiered partnership has been initiated based on the time and funding availability of partners,

and the Board would ascertain new funding options; all stakeholders have met and been encouraged to own equal portions of the plan; commented on the need to identify one target population, find common ground, share services, funding, and marketing while addressing needs, the group has continued to build at a steady pace and to make adjustments when needed; and outlined the need and components of sustainability, strengthening collaborations with community councils and boards, and conducting gap analyses. **Chairman D'Aprile** thanked Ms. Brun for the enlightening presentation. **Commissioner Cummings** stated traditional family facilities are successful, one thing necessary to make them work is to get youth out of certain environments, and it seems that Florida does not effectively deal with these types of problems. Ms. Brun stated new partnerships are being strengthened on a State-wide basis with implementation of the Re-Entry Board along with foster homes and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) programs. **Commissioner Cummings** commented on the benefits of working with youth at an early age. Ms. Brun commented on the diversion and prevention programs in Lee and Charlotte Counties operated in conjunction with Sheriff's Offices and School Boards. **Commissioner Cummings** recalled when his parents worked on these types of programs, funding options, and building up a model traditional family facility to divert youth from jails. Ms. Brun reported parenting programs are a part of this project and invited **Commissioner Cummings** to participate in the program. **Commissioner Loftus** expressed appreciation for the presentation and commented on the importance of taking care of the youth of Charlotte County by reducing drug usage and making parents aware of available services before children end up in jail. Ms. Brun stated all of the focus groups agreed on the need to market the program to the public and providers. **Chairman D'Aprile** indicated surprise at the statistics regarding the increase in Charlotte County juvenile crimes. Charlotte County Family Services Center Manager Emily Lewis explained numerous transitional programs, there were 78 youth served this year, and reported the 6% decrease in over the last 12 to 18 months. **Commissioner Cummings** stated 6% is an outstanding goal. Ms. Lewis agreed, stated the Center is providing services to youth and parents although the State has cut these types of programs by 33% this year, and reported Sheriff Davenport is a proponent of this program. Ms. Lewis stated a number of youth have gone through various programs and then participate in the Center's programs lastly before going to court. Ms. Lewis stated no funding is received from the Board

of County Commissioners but there are grants and funding from the Sheriff's Office. **Commissioner Cummings** opined the cost of not keeping the funding in place to address issues relating to the 13 troubled youths currently in the program will cost more in the next few years for new jails and commitment centers. **Chairman D'Aprile** requested the budget for the program. Ms. Brun reported \$40,000, the individual youth services are separate, and her duty was to gather and disburse information to the public and providers. **Commissioner Cummings** questioned the availability of funding from the Children's Services Council. Ms. Lewis stated there is some local in-kind match with current funding from DJJ and the Sheriff's Office. **Commissioner Cummings** requested the expenses and funding sources in order to track them. Ms. Brun reported the Children's Services Council is working to identify gaps. **Commissioner Moore** agreed with **Commissioner Cummings** on the need for alerts on funding gaps in these programs. Ms. Brun stated she addressed the need to make governmental entities aware of the programs. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out some providers would be impacted by cuts made in funding to the United Way. Ms. Brun stated the need to widen funding streams is being addressed as part of the marketing program. **Chairman's D'Aprile** thanked the ladies for the presentation. Ms. Brun stated she is looking forward to returning and updating the Board on the future status of the program.

ADJOURNED: 2:45 PM

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Deputy Clerk

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