

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**May 29, 2009**

A meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Members present were: Chairman Duffy, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Starr, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Skidmore, County Administrator Baltz, County Attorney Knowlton, and Deputy Clerk Manley. The following members were absent: None

The final workshop was called to order at **1:30 PM** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

*(Commissioner Loftus was not present for this portion of the meeting)*

**1. Review Performance Budgets - Kelly Shoemaker and Ray Sandrock**

Mr. Sandrock discussed budget challenges ahead, summarized the agenda, and mentioned the importance of outreach and citizen focus.

**A. Summary of Employee Ideas**

Jackie Stevens summarized the process, advised the information can be found on Charlotte's Web, and responded to Board questions.

**B. Summary of Citizens Survey**

Mr. Sandrock paralleled visual slides while providing Budget Survey Results and Statistics and answered Board questions. Mr. Baltz discussed sidewalks and explained many sidewalks were paid for by the State.

*(Commissioner Loftus was present for the remainder of the meeting)*

**C. Follow-up**

Ms. Shoemaker provided answers to several questions previously asked at past workshops and paralleled visual slides #16 through

#28. There was Board comments and extensive Board discussion related to the Redevelopment Manager Position Options.

**COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED TO FUND THE REDEVELOPMENT MANAGER POSITION BY MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO (OPTION 1) WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE DIRECTED TO PUT GREATER FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STARR**

**MOTION CARRIED 3:2. COMMISSIONER LOFTUS, COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE OPPOSING.**

Mr. Sandrock reviewed the Charlotte County Community Foundation, noted their current request, mentioned the funds they requested and received FY08/09, and explained foundation responsibilities.

**COMMISSIONER STARR MOVED TO DENY FUNDING OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE**

**MOTION CARRIED 4:1. COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS OPPOSING.**

**RECESS: 3:00 PM to 3:10 PM**

**D. Shortfall Update**

Mr. Sandrock paralleled visual slides related to the Unknowns, the Shortfalls, The Shortfall Strategy, discussed How it Turned Out, and responded to a lengthy Board discussion. Mr. Sandrock reviewed the \$10.4 Million Options. Mr. Baltz commented further and advised the Sheriff has been invited to attend the Budget Workshop on June 15th. **Chairman Duffy** announced the Sheriff is working to address Board concerns and opined Fire/EMS can also find additional reductions. Ms. Shoemaker remarked on the reduction status to date, explained issues related to Union contracts, and remarked on Board direction to work the through the Labor Management Committee. Ms. Shoemaker reviewed the Reduction Update as of 5/29/09, the Constitutional Budget Summary FY09/10, discussed the Fiscal Stabilization Reserves, and conducted Board discussion. Mr. Baltz asked for Board clarity related to the three options offered to find \$10.4 Million on Slide 33 previously discussed. The Commissioners advised their position on the issue. Mr. Baltz asked for Board direction regarding Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) mentioned

earlier on Slide 31. Board consensus was opposed to COLA at this time. Mr. Baltz referenced a letter he sent to Fire/EMS and questioned whether the Board was interested in additional staffing reductions and/or fire station closures. Board members provided their views.

**COMMISSIONER STARR MOVED TO CONTINUE WITH THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCESS IF THE BOARD DOES NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM FIRE/EMS WITHIN THE NEXT (7) SEVEN DAYS. THE MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE A SECOND AND WAS LOST.**

Board discussion continued and provided Mr. Baltz with related direction.

**E. Next Steps - FY09/10 Budget Process**

Ms. Shoemaker paralleled visual slides and read the Next Steps of the Budget Process schedule into the record.

**Commissioner Skidmore** commented that Frank Desguin requested the Chair submit a letter of support for a Charlotte County Historical Publication project and suggested the Board check their emails for additional detail. Consensus was received for the Chair to send a letter of support on behalf of the Board.

**ADJOURNED: 5:00 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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