

HURRICANE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 11, 2004

A workshop of the Board of County Commissioners was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida. The following members were present: Vice Chairman Thomas C. D'Aprile and Commissioners Adam Cummings, Sara Devos and Mac V. Horton. (**Chairman DeBoer was not present for this workshop.**) Also in attendance were County Administrator Bruce D. Loucks, Interim County Attorney Brendan Bradley, Chief Deputy Board Services Tommy Q. White and Deputy Clerk Karen S. Mitchell. The workshop was called to order at **9:35 A.M.**

Fred May, Long Term Recovery Plan Team Leader, reviewed the list of projects developed by the County, explained they hope to be in their Punta Gorda facility this week and he would be coordinating with the County and the City of Punta Gorda. Bruce D. Loucks, County Administrator, commented on insurance issues, stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement for covered projects was 90% and due to media comments clarified all County property that could be insured was insured. **Vice Chairman D'Aprile** asked the funding sources for the priorities listed. Mr. May stated although FEMA doesn't bring any money to the table they will provide a list of funding sources but there were no guarantees any of the projects would receive funding. **Commissioner Horton** said his top five priorities were: Auditorium - relocation/reuse/shelter opportunity; Improvements to Burnt Store Road; Improvements to River Road; Utility - water interconnects; and Canal debris clean up. **Commissioner Devos** stated all the items were great but she was looking at the bigger picture which included the following: Tourism/Training Center; Fortify all hospitals; Emergency fuel yard and food bank incorporated into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); Charlotte County Airport reconstruction; Reconstruction of the Cooper Street and Benjamin Baker centers and incorporating a literacy center, it could even be a community center; South County Regional Library; Low to moderate income housing; Fire station repairs; Murdock Village and Murdock Center with the joint administration center with the School Board; and Tie in the School Board's proposed technical

center with hands-on with the Stadium reuse plan making it a wonderful hub. **Commissioner Cummings** stated he supported more economic redevelopment, stormwater and water resource protection programs, and his wish list was: Stormwater quality and quantity; Enhancements to protect water due to phosphate pollution; Local and regional water quality issues; FLUM changes like Murdock Village and other industrial/commercial areas like Flamingo; and Airport Industrial Park redevelopment. **Commissioner Cummings** said his prioritized list of the nine items was: Auditorium - relocation/reuse/shelter opportunity; Improvements to Burnt Store Road; Utility - water interconnects; Canal debris clean up; Dial-a-ride funding; Improvements to River Road; Communications/911 funding; Community mental health funding; and Disaster recovery planning and FEMA mitigation. **Commissioner Cummings** reiterated his top items or preferred focus were the FLUM changes and the Airport Industrial Park. **Vice Chairman D'Aprile** said all the items were a priority but the big issue was funding, agreed on the need to take advantage of the hurricanes, safety was key and listed his priorities: Improvements to Burnt Store Road; Utility - water interconnects; Auditorium - relocation/reuse/shelter opportunity; Canal debris clean up; Improvements to Burnt Store Road; Communications/911 funding; Community mental health funding; Disaster recovery planning and FEMA mitigation; and Dial-a-ride funding. **Vice Chairman D'Aprile** summarized he preferred to look at safety aspects first and then work on the economic issues.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:21 A.M.

Signature on file in Commission Minutes

Thomas C. D'Aprile

Vice Chairman

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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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