

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 8, 2005

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 Sara J. Devos and Commissioners Thomas G. Moore, Adam Cummings and Thomas C. D'Aprile. (**Commissioner DeBoer was not present for this meeting.**) Also in attendance were County Administrator Bruce D. Loucks, County Attorney Janette S. Knowlton, Chief Deputy Board Services Tommy Q. White, Executive Assistant to the Board Diane Gant and Deputy Clerk Karen S. Mitchell. The meeting was called to order at **9:05 A.M.**

The **invocation** was given by Pastor Gary Clark, Fellowship Church, Port Charlotte, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Additions:

**REGULAR
BUSINESS**

Agenda Item Y-2, Commission Office - Select a representative to serve on the Punta Gorda CRA

Agenda Item Y-3, Utilities Department/Budget Office - Approve donation of funds to Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity for their Community Volunteer Center to help defray costs associated with this construction

Agenda Item Y-4, Commission Office - Set a public workshop on November 21, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as may be heard to discuss the Lemon Bay Initiative

Agenda Item Y-5, Commission Office - Performance Evaluation for Charlotte County, County Attorney

Change:

PUBLIC WORKS Agenda Item S-1, Approve Temporary closure of the South Access Road along U.S. 41 for Harley Davidson of Port Charlotte to host a Blood Drive and Block Party on ~~November 19~~ December 3, 2005 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Further request permission to do this on the first Saturday of every month thereafter.

COMMISSIONER D'APRILE MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS AND DECLARED UNANIMOUS (4:0).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Proclamation:

THE BOARD AGREED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PROCLAMATION STIPULATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2005 AS "CAROL LARSON, ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL ARTIST OF THE MONTH" ON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE AND DECLARED UNANIMOUS (4.0). Judy Malbuisson accepted the proclamation on behalf of Carol Larson.

Presentation:

Commissioner D'Aprile and Human Services Director Victoria Carpenter presented a plaque of appreciation for service rendered to Richard Owens, former Charlotte County Veteran Services Officer.

Employee Recognition:

Bruce D. Loucks, County Administrator, and **Commissioner D'Aprile** recognized the following employees for their service with the County: **Five Years** - JoyceMarie Bryant, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources; Tom Cookingham, Community Development; Charles Pingree, Real Estate Services; Charlie Rine, Utilities; James Winter, Utilities; **Ten Years** - Hector Flores, Fire/EMS; Nigel Lonsdale, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources; **Fifteen Years** - Raymond Christopher, Fire/EMS; John Firth, Public Works; Benjie Hyatt, Utilities; Jim Keller, Parks, Recreation &

Cultural Resources; Ronald Sartor, Public Works; **Twenty Years** - Rhonda Babos, Fire/EMS; Cathy Bouvier, Human Resources; Michael McMenamin, Fire/EMS; Michael Schulze, Fire/EMS; John Shields, Public Works; Jim Thomson, Environmental & Extension Services; and **Thirty Years** - Gerald Bruening, Public Works.

I. CITIZEN INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Holly Giblin voiced opposition to **Agenda Item C-1, Approve reappointment of the existing members of the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee for terms already served, and to bring those terms current**, said the increase was too significant in too short a time and the meeting times for the MSBU hearings were not appropriate for working people.

John Benande, Team Punta Gorda, spoke in support of **Agenda Item Y-1, Discussion of the status of the Event Center/Auditorium design**, said the facility should address the concepts envisioned in the 2005 citizens' master plan, it should be a striking gateway that welcomes people into our city, and it needs to meet the space and configuration needs defined by Economic and Tourist Development, as well as the historic nature of downtown Punta Gorda.

Bill Dryburgh voiced support for **Agenda Item Y-1, Discussion of the status of the Event Center/Auditorium design**, said you only have one chance to make it right, the issue is money and he hoped the County can find the \$3 million to build what's really needed.

Ron Thomas, Habitat for Humanity, spoke in support of **Agenda Item Y-3, Donation of funds to Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity for their Community Volunteer Center to help defray costs associated with this construction**, stated they will have 250 students coming here to volunteer, they've received \$582,000 in donations but they didn't budget for the \$94,691.93 utility bill and he hoped the Board can find the money for this.

Dennis L. Celorie, Interfaith Internation Network of Charlotte County (INC) Director, voiced support of **Agenda Item Y-3, Donation of funds to Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity for their Community Volunteer Center to help defray costs associated with this construction**, stated the Volunteer Center was really

needed to house the volunteer labor, they were shocked by the unexpected utility expense, and they really need the County's financial help to get them into the center by January.

II. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Committee

- one (1) Contractor representative

Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board Representative

- one (1) applicant who must reside in District 4 for a term that expires May, 2008

Punta Gorda CRA

- one (1) applicant for a four-year term

Gulf Cove Street & Drainage Advisory Committee

- two (2) vacancies - one 2-year term and one 1-year term, must be full-time residents and reside within the boundaries of the Unit

Englewood East Street & Drainage Advisory Committee

- one (1) vacancy for an alternate position for a 2-year term

Manasota/Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee

- one (1) full-time resident or business owner on Manasota Key; must be able to devote one-year's time to fulfill the purposes of the Committee

Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB)

- one (1) volunteer to represent the Professional Engineer category

Grove City Street & Drainage MSBU Committee

- one (1) volunteer needed who must be a landowner and a full-time resident residing within the Unit

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

- one (1) applicant in District #4

III. REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

1. Special Meeting, Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee (CRAAC), Thursday, September 1, 2005, 10:00 A.M.
2. Regular Meeting, Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee (CRAAC), Thursday, September 22, 2005, 10:00 A.M.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOORE AND DECLARED UNANIMOUS (4:0).

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

A. Finance Division

Agenda Item A-1, Adoption of Clerk's Finance Memoranda

Memorandum #1 Status of Contingency Reserves - FY 04/05

Memorandum #1A Status of Contingency Reserves - FY 05/06

Memorandum #2 Total Disbursements for the period October 19, 2005 through November 1, 2005 in the amount of \$17,387,862.68

B. Minutes Division

Agenda Item B-1, Approval of Minutes

No agenda items.

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C. Commission Office

Agenda Item C-1

Reappoint existing members to the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee: Bill Coy, Kreg E. Maheu, Mike Post,

Granville Pennypacker, and Jerry Zipprich as Regular Members, and Art Richards as Alternate Member.

Agenda Item C-2

Appoint Ron Blago to serve as the member-at-large representative to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC).

D. Administration

Agenda Item D-1

Resolution #2005-213 declaring an end to the state of local emergency due to Hurricane Wilma.

E. County Attorney

No agenda items.

F. Budget Office

Agenda Item F-1

Agreement #2005-051 with the Florida Department of Health for the operation of the Charlotte County Health Department for the term beginning October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

Agenda Item F-2

Budget Amendment #S06A01 in the amount of \$33,144 to appropriate funds received from the State Grant for Voter Education; and **Budget Transfer #S06-001** in the amount of \$4,972 to move matching funds from the printing account to the education account within the Supervisor's budget.

G. Community Development - Building Construction Services

Agenda Item G-1

Resolution #2005-214 for DRC-PD-96-1(MM) Major Modification permitting Hospice of Southwest Florida, Inc. to construct the Hospice of Southwest Florida Building Addition.

Agenda Item G-2

Set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. to consider the Babcock Ranch Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application.

H. Economic Development

No items.

J. Environmental & Extension Services

No items.

K. Facilities Construction and Maintenance

No items.

L. General Services

Agenda Item L-1

RFP #05-413, Design - Midway & Quasar Boulevard Sidewalks to start negotiations with Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc.; and **authorize** the Chairman to sign the contract after negotiations have been completed as long as the fees do not exceed \$60,000.

Agenda Item L-2

Property deletion of inventory items for the month of November, 2005.

Agenda Item L-3

File #06-051, Vac-Con Sewer Cleaner to "piggyback" off the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Contract P0384, Truck-Mounted Sewer Cleaner, for the purchase of one (1) Vac-Con Sewer Cleaner in the amount of \$188,876 and additional options in the amount of \$14,795 available through Southern Sewer Equipment Sales of Ft. Pierce, FL for a total price of \$201,196.

Agenda Item L-4

RFP #05-429, CEI Services - Carmalita Street/Education Avenue Widening Project to start negotiations with American Consulting Engineers of Florida, LLC of Port Charlotte, FL; and **authorize** the Chairman to sign the contract upon successful negotiations by the Committee provided the total amount does not exceed \$500,000.

Agenda Item L-5

File #06-061, John Deere 544J Loaders to "piggyback" off the City of Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Association of Counties & Florida Fire Chiefs' Association Bid Award No. 04-12-0823, Specification #38 for the purchase of two (2) John Deere 544J Loaders in the amount of \$320,734.42 from Nortrax Equipment Co. of Ft. Myers, FL.

Agenda Item L-6

File #06-066, Rescue Pumper Truck to "piggyback" off the City of Tallahassee Contract #2166-95-A01-9GG for the purchase of one (1) E-One C550 Rescue Pumper Fire Truck on Cyclone II chassis in the amount of \$347,343, inclusive of a \$5,000 trade-in credit for a 1988 C-8000 Pumper - PN 13105, from Emergency-One, Inc. of Ocala, FL.

Agenda Item L-7

RFP #05-458, Design - Renovation of Historic County Courthouse to start negotiations with Rowe Architects; and **authorize** the Chairman to sign the contract after negotiations have been completed as long as the fees do not exceed \$500,000.

M. Human Resources

No items.

N. Human Services

Agenda Item N-1

Amend Grant #2004-021 with one Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) change order in the amount of \$5,000 as required by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide funding for additional septic system and drain field work for one recipient.

P. Information Technology

Agenda Item P-1

Agreement #2005-052 License Agreement with the City of Punta Gorda to allow the City access to Charlotte County's Fiber Backbone at the City's cost.

Q. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

Agenda Item Q-1

Update to the Library Division's Long Range Plan of Service.

R. Public Safety

No items.

S. Public Works

Agenda Item S-1

Temporary closure of the South Access Road along U.S. 41 for Harley Davidson of Port Charlotte to host a Blood Drive and Block Party on December 3, 2005 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Further request permission to do this on the first Saturday of every month thereafter.

T. Real Estate Services

Agenda Item T-1

Resolution #2005-215 authorizing the exchange of two County owned lots (Lots 12 and 13, Block 2084, Port Charlotte

Subdivision, Section 30) for two privately owned lots (Lots 1 and 2, Block 1239, Port Charlotte Subdivision, Section 35) located within the Murdock Village Redevelopment project area - Jacqueline C. Calhoun and William Calhoun.

Agenda Item T-2

Resolution #2005-216 authorizing the Director of Real Estate Services to execute County Deeds releasing portions of two (2) canal maintenance easements located in Lot 272 and Lot 529, Block 2091, Port Charlotte Subdivision, Section 40; and the release of a portion of a twenty-foot wide utility and drainage easement located in Lot 112, Section 19, Ridge Harbor Subdivision - Gene B. and Nancy B. Christensen; Lance H. and Kathy L. Lenhardt; and Peter J. and Jan Clarke.

V. Tourism Development

No items.

W. Utilities

No items.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Y. Regular Business

Agenda Item Y-1, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources - Discussion of the Status of the Event Center/Auditorium design

Laura Kleiss Hoeft, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director, recalled on June 28, 2005 the Board gave staff clear direction to build a facility to replace the Auditorium, it was to be bigger and better but also affordable, on that same day the Board also approved the design/build contract, and advised stakeholders were working with staff throughout the entire design process. Peter Craig Taylor, Mathews/Taylor Construction Principal, said Mathews/Taylor was the design/build contractor for the Event Center, and introduced the other members of the design team: Robert J. Humpel, Mathews/Taylor Construction Regional Director Southwest Florida; Ian R. Vingoe, AIA, Conventional Wisdom Executive Vice President; and Ward J.

Friszolowski, AIA, Harvard Jolly Senior Vice President. These gentlemen gave a slide presentation which paralleled the material and detailed the following: Agenda; Project Team; Meeting To Date; Tasks Underway; Challenges/Issues; Traffic Planning; Parking Demand; Parking Availability; Site Planning, 7.5 acres; Site Planning: Section; Master Plan Diagram Scheme A; Master Plan Diagram Scheme B; Master Plan Diagram Scheme C; Master Plan Diagram Scheme D; Budget Analysis; Users Charts; and Summary. Mrs. Hoeft stated the budget can afford the proposed 37,600 s.f. facility; the biggest change was the enlarged back of house; this new facility will meet current demands, and start meeting future demands and increase efficiency; and the budget can't accommodate separate break-out rooms but they can be created on the main floor. Mrs. Hoeft advised in 2008 the City has allocated \$750,000 sales tax dollars for the riverwalk in front of the Auditorium and that will help create the gateway image everyone was looking for. Mrs. Hoeft referred to the small corner in the out-parcel on U.S. 41 and Retta Esplanade which was in City ownership, and said it would be beneficial to approach the City Council about bringing that into the master plan and work toward using that for parking and retention. Mrs. Hoeft said the next step was to start moving forward with public workshops, and it was staff's intent to come back to the Board with a master plan during the first quarter of 2006 with construction scheduled for 2007 and opening in the first part of 2008. **(Discussion ensued regarding stormwater retention, lack of onsite parking, viability of people walking to the facility, the need for consensus building within the community, the importance of doing it right the first time, adding on the additional 10,400 s.f., and use of permeable pavement material.)** **Chairman Devos** said even 250 onsite parking spaces wasn't enough. Dennis Murphy, City Administrative Services Director, indicated the City was working on: adding 75 to 125 parking spaces at the City Center; intersection improvements at Retta Esplanade; and completion of Laishley Park with 215 parking spaces plus 75 for boats/trailers. **Chairman Devos** opined 37,000 s.f. wasn't enough, and said she wanted to discuss with the City Council and the School Board funding to enable creating a facility large enough to accommodate the future of not only the City but the County. Mrs. Hoeft said if they were able to add \$10.3 million to the budget and work toward a 78,000+ s.f. building the current 7.5 acre site would be insufficient and a new site would need to be located. **Chairman Devos** responded

then they need to have a discussion on what can be done, maybe even going higher, and she wanted to see what the community was willing to support. **Commissioner Cummings** said he wasn't sure going up was such a good idea, maybe it might be feasible to construct a parking garage on an adjacent site to eliminate the parking issue and enable expanding this facility, and asked if the site plan could be designed to allow removal of one wall and widen all three areas. Mrs. Hoeft responded discussion had already begun in that direction. **Commissioner D'Aprile** disputed the viability of people walking to this facility because many residents were older, said he felt they have the best builder around, they have many needs right now such as graduation ceremonies, and maybe they should look at building this at another location because if they build it in the same location without the parking they will have spent \$13 million only to end up with the same thing they had before except a little prettier and a little bigger. **Commissioner D'Aprile** agreed with the Chair that they need to look to the future not just today, said the future is they need to build it bigger so they have the facilities to incorporate all the current and future needs of this community especially since they have the funds to do it, and asked staff to give them the pros and cons on both situations including costs figures. **Commissioner Moore** asked about maintenance costs. Mr. Vingoe said he will bring that back on a square foot basis. Mrs. Hoeft added that the ongoing costs will be offset by revenues generated. Mr. Loucks pointed out a lot of those costs were costs the County was already incurring running the old facility. **Chairman Devos** asked if there would be a commercial kitchen. Mrs. Hoeft said yes. **Chairman Devos** asked if this was in a V-zone and the building had to be raised, could they use that for parking. Mr. Humpel said you could park underneath it if the building was raised but they haven't considered elevating the building because it wasn't cost effective.

Agenda Item Y-2, Commission Office - Select a representative to serve on the Punta Gorda CRA

Chairman Devos asked the Board members to complete their ballots. **Chairman Devos** announced there was one vote for Bill Dryburgh, one vote for Raymond Rose, and two votes for Frank Weikel; and so it appears Mr. Weikel will be our representative on the Punta Gorda CRA.

RECESS: 10:50 A.M. - 11:07 A.M.

Agenda Item Y-3, Utilities Department/Budget Office - Approve donation of funds to Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity for their Community Volunteer Center to help defray costs associated with this construction

David G. Schlobohm, CCU Director, explained they recently entered into a developer's agreement with Habitat for Humanity for their facility, they've asked for relief for approximately \$95,000 required for that facility and this item was prepared based upon that request. **Chairman Devos** asked for clarification on the facility. Mr. Schlobohm indicated this facility will house 500 volunteers to be used while they're building the homes and the estimated water/sewer usage over the course of a year equated to about 16 to 19 homes which was used as the basis to calculate the cost. **Chairman Devos** said she would like to defray the entire \$95,000 but she assumed in order to do that the Board would give the money to Habitat and then Habitat would pay CCU. Raymond Sandrock, Budget Director, said that was correct and explained it was similar to contract services for not-for-profits where this would be classified as aid. **Chairman Devos** asked if some of this money could come out of recovery grant funds they've received. Mr. Loucks said he would follow-up on that with Bob Hebert. **Commissioner Moore** reported he'd spoken to Mr. Hebert today about whether that would be possible and he was told this category doesn't quite fit but the County does have the authority to do this because of the hurricane recovery efforts. **COMMISSIONER MOORE MOVED APPROVAL TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,000 TO DEFRAY THE COSTS FOR UTILITIES AND BUDGET TRANSFER #06-001, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER D'APRILE AND DECLARED UNANIMOUS (4:0).**

Agenda Item Y-4, Commission Office - Set a public workshop on November 21, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as may be heard to discuss the Lemon Bay Initiative

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED APPROVAL TO SET A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON NOVEMBER 21, 2005 AT 1:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE LEMON BAY INITIATIVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER D'APRILE AND DECLARED UNANIMOUS (4:0).

Agenda Item Y-5, Commission Office - Performance Evaluation for
Charlotte County, County Attorney

Chairman Devos said during the last month they've been evaluating the County Attorney's performance, highlighted **Commissioner DeBoer's** comments in his absence, stated the remarks from everyone were outstanding, an increase of \$10,000 would bring the County Attorney's salary equal to that of the County Administrator, noted the average salary for neighboring counties was \$167,000 which would require an increase of \$37,000 and said she felt a minimum of \$10,000 was in order. **COMMISSIONER D'APRILE MOVED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT #2004-057 FOR A \$10,000 INCREASE IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S BASE SALARY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS AND DECLARED UNANIMOUS (4:0).** **Chairman Devos** commended Mrs. Knowlton for doing such a wonderful job for them this year.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Z. 10:00 A.M.

No items.

VIII. PRESENTATION AGENDA

AA. 10:00 A.M.

No items.

XI. CITIZEN INPUT - ANY SUBJECT

Jack Donkel distributed a handout regarding the need to add the word 'East' to 1st through 7th Streets in Englewood, explained this has been brought up numerous times and asked the Board to adopt a resolution to rectify this situation.

Vanessa Carusone distributed two maps of the Murdock Village CRA, thanked the Board for their foresight and courage regarding the Murdock Village plan, commented on the problems she's had for over two years trying to sell her commercial property but said the threat of eminent domain as well as title insurance issues have made it impossible, she needs to sell her property but can't, and asked the Board to help resolve this situation.

Charlotte Ventola said the Event Center was very attractive but she felt they were constrained by the parking problems, there were also safety concerns for women if they have to walk to evening events and noted women would probably wear heels for evening events making walking that much more difficult or impossible.

RESPONSES TO CITIZEN INPUT

Commissioner D'Aprile said he knows he doesn't want to buy any commercial property on U.S. 41 but these people shouldn't be held hostage. Bruce D. Loucks, County Administrator, explained the property in question was in Phase 10 acquisition, the property isn't under threat of eminent domain so the property owners can do whatever they want, the County doesn't know if whoever develops Murdock Village will want all of the Phase 10 property for the project, if the developer does then the County would have to go into acquisition of Phase 10 but that's a Board policy decision, and advised the property owners did request through a mediator a letter from the County saying the property would be safe from any future action by the County government but the County isn't at a point where they can give that assurance. **Commissioner D'Aprile** asked what time frame was involved. Mr. Loucks said the RFP for developers was scheduled to go out in early December with 60 days for response, and staff plans to complete the evaluation of the responses and bring it to the Board in February 2006. **Commissioner D'Aprile** asked if there were design standards. Mr. Loucks said those hadn't been set by the Murdock Village CRA. **Commissioner Cummings** said he didn't think the County would be able to issue a letter to anyone for any piece of property assuring them the County would never exercise eminent domain on a particular piece of property because you can't make a commitment from a future Board, recalled the Board had voted not to acquire these properties, and opined they could issue a letter saying what the current status was on the property. Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney, said it was correct the County has no current plans to take that property but that doesn't mean it won't be taken in the future, and she will talk to their eminent domain counsel about the possibility of giving the property owners some type of letter but she would prefer if the Board would defer to her on this one. **Chairman Devos** noted they should know in February if a developer was going to want that property.

BB. County Administrator

Mr. Loucks commented on staff's meeting with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on the transfer of water with SFWMD and viable sources of water. **Commissioner Cummings** commented on the Babcock Utility and his understanding that Mr. Kitson was offering to sell a utility with no infrastructure or water for \$250 million. **Chairman Devos** noted SFWMD wasn't willing to make a policy change to accommodate SFWMD even though the State told SFWMD it wasn't illegal. **Commissioner Cummings** said there's a huge difference between an agricultural withdrawal and a potable water consumptive use permit.

CC. County Attorney

Attorney Knowlton thanked the Board for their confidence and the increase, and said she appreciated all of their support and the support of her staff who have done a great job this year.

DD. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner D'Aprile commented on the Saturday night concert at the Sports Park and the horrible traffic back-ups, and opined the ticket cost should include the parking fee so traffic entering the park isn't held up while that fee was collected. **Commissioner D'Aprile** reported there were some serious problems at the Hampton Apartments, they want to put on an addition, and he felt it was needed but there were two issues: Luther Road needs to be connected to Harborview Road before any additional buildings were constructed; and the County gave permission for Hampton Apartments to build a sidewalk for about four blocks to the school bus stop but the sidewalk has never been constructed so the kids are walking through Deep Creek residential properties, opening mail boxes and removing mail, swimming in private swimming pools, and it was time the County stepped in. **Commissioner D'Aprile** stated he'd contacted the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools about picking up these children at the entrance of the complex but this request was denied because of a lack of a turnaround, and reiterated something needs to be done because he has personally witnessed kids walking in the streets and deliberately blocking traffic. **Commissioner Moore** thanked **Chairman Devos** for doing such a good job as Chair this past year.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:56 A.M.

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Sara Devos
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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