

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 27, 2010

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

Members present were: Chairman Starr, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Duffy, County Administrator Baltz, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Secretary Carleton. The following members were absent: Commissioner Skidmore.

The meeting was called to order at **9:00 A.M.**

Invocation was given by Pastor Fr. Tom Heck, St. Charles Borromeo Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda:

Change #1: VI-3 - Attorney's Office: Ordinance prohibiting acts of Aggressive or Obstructive Panhandling.

Addition #1: Proclamation - Attorney's Office: National Association of Letter Carriers United States Postal Service Food Drive Day.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

Chairman Starr noted that Commissioner Skidmore was absent.

Proclamations - Commissioner Bob Starr

National Drinking Water Proclamation the week of May 2, 2010 through May 8, 2010.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE NATIONAL DRINKING WATER PROCLAMATION THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2010 THROUGH MAY 8, 2010, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

The proclamation was accepted by James Huish.

National Association of Letter Carriers/US Postal Service Food Drive Day Proclamation, April 27, 2010.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS/US POSTAL SERVICE FOOD DRIVE DAY PROCLAMATION, APRIL 27, 2010, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

The proclamation was accepted by Kevin Sullivan and Sharon Winesett.

Employee Recognition - none

I. CITIZEN INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - None

II. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

Deep Creek Street & Drainage Unit Advisory Committee - is seeking one volunteer to finish an unexpired term. This term expires January 31, 2011.

Englewood East Street & Drainage Advisory Committee - is seeking one volunteer to serve a two year term as the alternate member.

Grove City Street & Drainage Advisory Committee - is seeking two volunteers; one person to serve a three year term as a regular member and one person to serve a two year term as the alternate member. Terms effective immediately.

South Gulf Cove Street and Drainage MSBU - is seeking one volunteer to serve a two year term as the alternate member.

Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) - is seeking one individual to voluntarily serve on the LCB Board. The purpose of the LCB is to identify local service needs and to provide information, advice, and direction to the Community Transportation Coordination of service to be provided to the transportation disadvantaged. The position is for a person who is recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action (President), representing the economically disadvantaged in the county. Your letter or email of interest stating the position for which you are qualified to represent should be sent to: Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, 25550 Harbor View Road, Suite 4, Port Charlotte, FL 33980. Fax: 941-883-3534 Email: office@ccmpo.com

III. REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

Investment Report for the County for the quarter ended March 31, 2010.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA EXCEPT F-2, F-4, F-5, AND J-1, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Finance Division

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Clerk's Memorandum. BUDGETED ACTION: None required.

Memorandum #1 - Status of Contingency Reserves - FY 08/09

Memorandum #1A - Status of Contingency Reserves - FY 09/10

Memorandum #2 - Total Disbursements for the period April 6, 2010 through April 19, 2010 in the amount of \$6,723,840.44

B. Minutes Division

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Minutes for:

3/23/10 - 9:00 AM - BCC Regular Meeting & Joint Workshop with CH-CRA & CH Adv. Committee

3/24/10 - 6:30 PM - BCC TH Meeting with Curmudgeon Club

4/8/10 - 1:30 PM - BCC Budget WS

4/12/10 - 9:00 AM - Pre-Agenda Meeting

BUDGETED ACTION: None required.

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C. Commission Office

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Approve the reappointment of Holly Giblin as a regular member to the Englewood East Street and Drainage Advisory Committee. This term is effective immediately and shall expire February 10, 2013. *BUDGETED ACTION*: None required.

(2) *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Reappoint Florence Strawson to serve on the Tropical Gulf Acres Street and Drainage Advisory Board. Length of term: 3 years. *BUDGETED ACTION*: None required.

D. Administration - no items.

E. County Attorney - no items.

F. Budget and Administrative Services

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Schedule a BCC Budget Workshop on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. *BUDGETED ACTION*: None required.

Fiscal Services - no items

Information Technology - no items

Purchasing

(2) *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Approve Change Order #8 to Contract #08-130, Rotonda Sands & Meadows - LPS System, with General Contracting Services, of Placida Florida, in the amount of \$26,197.30 for a revised total cost of \$3,637,052.91. This project is providing a central sewer system to the Rotonda Sands and Rotonda Meadows residential developments. *BUDGETED ACTION*: Rotonda Sands MSBU contract portion is reduced by \$33,423.20 - CIP Project c350703. Rotonda Meadows MSBU contract portion is increased by \$59,620.50 - CIP Project c350402. The net change to the contract is an increase of \$26,197.30.

Chairman Starr gave the reason for pulling the item as being a change to the bid contract resulting in a net increase and suggested that staff find a way to avoid Change Orders on bid contracts. **Commissioner Loftus** commented that staff needs to be more definitive on the scope of work and stated he does not favor changing prices on contracts. **Commissioner Cummings** clarified the intent of the motion.

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM F-2, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

(3) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** a) Approve the ranking of firms for Request for Proposal #10-156 Sidewalk Design - Sales Tax Program (Year Two): 1st - Giffels-Webster Engineers, Inc. of Englewood, Fl., and 2nd - Charlotte Engineering & Surveying, Inc. of Port Charlotte, Fl., and 3rd - Southwest Engineering & Design of Punta Gorda, Fl.; and b) Approve start of Negotiations; and c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract after completion of negotiations for engineering services for the design of the 2009 sales tax sidewalks county wide program (year two). This project will consist of, but not be limited to, all aspects of the design of the sidewalks and all ancillaries, pedestrian bridges, complete survey and as-built drawings, preparation/acquisition of all applicable Federal, State and Local permits, public meetings, bidding assistance, and construction management for sidewalks to be designed to current Charlotte County and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Standards. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None. Funded in CIP project c410918, Sidewalks 2009 Sales Tax Extension. Funding is supplied from the 2009 Sales Tax extension fund.

(4) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve Amendment #22 to Contract #01-125, Sarasota-Charlotte County Beach Restoration Study with Coastal Technology Corp., in the amount of \$548,471, to conduct the Sarasota-Charlotte County Beach Restoration Study. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None - Funding is supplied from the Stump Pass Beach Renourishment MSBU/TU. FEMA is estimated to reimburse approximately \$358,611 of these costs.

Commissioner Starr questioned if the \$548,471 to conduct the Sarasota-Charlotte County Beach Restoration Study is related to the current project or proposed for the future, mentioned Stump Pass, and expressed his concerns. Dan Quick pointed out that the verbiage on the agenda is a typographical error and that the item is to approve the project, not a study.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM F-4, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

Real Estate Services

(5) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve to accept the donation of one lot as described on the attached sheet (see Exhibit "A") entitled Lot Donation to Charlotte County. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

Chairman Starr indicated that the County has an abundance of lots in inventory and there is no need for more; and opined there are no beneficial benefits to the taxpayers by accepting the lot.

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM F-5, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

Commissioner Cummings pointed out that there is a review process, that the County only accepts lots for which there is a legitimate use, that staff has reviewed the lot and found a use for it, and spoke in favor of approval.

Commissioner Loftus commented on lots donated for mitigation. **Chairman Starr** explained why he was not in favor of approval. **Commissioner Loftus** gave reasons for accepting the lot, stating that it can always be sold if it is not needed.

MOTION CARRIED 3:1. CHAIRMAN STARR OPPOSING.

(6) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the release of a portion of a recorded twenty-foot (20') wide canal maintenance easement, located in Port Charlotte Subdivision Section Thirty-Six, and further authorizing the Senior Division Manager, Real Estate Services Division, to execute the County Deed releasing said portion of said easement. (Owners: Teresa L. Perkins and Timothy D. Perkins, Trustees of the Teresa L. Perkins Living Trust dated February 24, 2000) **BUDGETED ACTION:** None.

Resolution 2010-026

G. Building & Construction Services - no items.

H. Economic Development - no items.

J. Environmental Services

(1) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve to move forward on land appraisal(s) of the land identified in the awarded Section 6 Grant Agreement between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission and Charlotte County and recommended for acquisition by the ESLOC. Grant is anticipated to be executed in July 2010 along with amendments to the budget. **BUDGETED ACTION:** Conservation Charlotte funds will be used for the 25% match as required by the grant. The match is approximately \$400,000. Appraisals will be started using the Conservation Charlotte funds and parcel purchases will be funded by

Section 6 Grant. A budget amendment and CIP project will be submitted with the request to execute grant agreement.

Chairman Starr congratulated staff on obtaining the grant, expressed concern that the County be diligent in what the County pays for the property, opined that the County should accept the grant, get comprehensive appraisals, and hammer the owner for the best price, and spoke in opposition to spending taxpayers' money in excess. **Commissioner Duffy** requested that Andy Stevens address **Chairman Starr's** comments.

Andy Stevens advised that the best price would be negotiated and that comprehensive appraisals would be conducted. **Commissioner Cummings** commented that the parcel links 500 acres of existing conservation land, provided additional detail, and expressed confidence in Paul Payette's negotiating skills.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE GRANT 2010-011, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

(2) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve submission of application for Thornton Key Preserve Acquisition (Reimbursement) through the Florida Communities Trust Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program (Pending Funding Announcement). **BUDGETED ACTION:** Budget will be amended upon award of grant. Funding of \$53,000 for the required amenities will come from General Funds and the grant dollars will reimburse Conservation Charlotte.

Grant 2010-012

K. Facilities Construction and Maintenance - no items.

L. Growth Management - no items.

M. Human Resources - no items.

N. Human Services

(1) **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Board consideration and adoption of a resolution authorizing the Human Services Housing Manager to sign Release of Lien and Mortgage Satisfaction documents for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Set Aside Hurricane Recovery Grant and the Home Again Grant. **BUDGETED ACTION:** None

Resolution 2010-027

Q. Public Safety

(1) *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Authorize submission of an on-line application for the Severe Repetitive Loss Mitigation Program grant for FY2010 (re-opened) and FY2011 (if needed) for the elevation of property located at 4499 Ganyard Street above flood level. *BUDGETED ACTION*: None. There is no financial obligation to the County. The property owner will be responsible for the 10% match required under the program.

Grant 2010-013

(2) *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Request approval of Amendment # 3 to the Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA) between Nextel South Corp. and Charlotte County. *BUDGETED ACTION*: None required. 100% of funding is provided by Nextel South Corp.

Amendment #3 to Agreement 2009-013

R. Public Works - no items.

S. Tourism Development - no items.

T. Utilities - no items.

U. Other Agencies - no items.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Z. Regular Agenda

(1) Growth Management - *RECOMMENDED ACTION*: Board discussion and possible direction regarding Group 3 Commercial Excavations.

Jeff Ruggieri stated that staff was given direction by the Board to bring back information on Group 3 Excavations in the County, gave a spreadsheet presentation, and provided detail on the data per packet material.

Mr. Ruggieri addressed Board inquiries regarding the amount excavated, the Urban Service Area, excavation zoning, Omni-waste, definition of need, number of mining permits, the Davis Family mine, retention ponds for Class III Excavation, the selling of dirt, Class II excavations, commercial operations, reclamation rules, and bonding.

Chairman Starr commented on considering a moratorium on mining in Charlotte County and gave reasons why.

Commissioner Cummings commented on information contained in item #4 and #5 of Mr. Ruggieri's memo. **Commissioner Duffy** gave a brief history and commented on mining applications for Washington Loop Road, mentioned the Farms Project, commented on public misinformation, steps taken by the Board to limit mining in Charlotte County, spoke in opposition of setting a moratorium, and requested being able to see forecasts and analysis first.

Commissioner Loftus expressed concerns with roads being torn up, commented on looking into an analysis for transportation, increasing fees, increasing bonding, spoke in opposition to a moratorium, and commented on the State pre-empting the local ordinance.

Mr. Ruggieri fielded questions from **Commissioner Cummings** regarding land use being added to the mining category, damaged roads, reclamation, and damage to infrastructure. **Chairman Starr** stated there was a consensus on bonding and reclamation, that the Board is asking for more information, and expressed concern that the Commission needs to send a message that we have an adequate supply. **Commissioner Duffy** commented on property owner rights, Citrus Canker, Hurricane Charlie, and the reasons why people have gone to mining. **Commissioner Cummings** commented on additional development rights in East County.

(2) Economic Development - RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve recommendation of the Economic Development Working Group to hire an additional employee for the Economic Development Office (EDO).

Don Root explained the reason for the request of an additional staff person in the Economic Development office and gave detail on the proposed duties the person would perform. **Chairman Starr** expressed concern related to the proposed salary and spoke in opposition. **Commissioner Duffy** pointed out that one staff person had resigned to make a higher salary elsewhere and commented that the County needs to stay competitive. **Commissioner Loftus** commented on the importance of creating jobs, the need to work with Economic Development so that the process goes forward, expressed concern with not paying more than necessary and to remain competitive, commented on retaining existing businesses, and spoke in support of the position.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM Z-2, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

Commissioner Cummings spoke in favor of the position and gave reasons why.

MOTION CARRIED 3:1. CHAIRMAN STARR OPPOSING.

Presentations - 10:00 A.M.

Pat Lehman will provide a presentation regarding the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority.

Pat Lehman of the Peace River Manasota Water Authority gave a PowerPoint presentation per packet material.

Mr. Baltz commented on the context of the relationship with the Water Authority and the collective accomplishments, commented on the amount of the budget line item for the Water Authority, explained the annual budget process that the Water Authority submits, stating that it is brought to the Board for review, commented on a request for an additional do-over of Exhibit C, that no change can be made to the Master Supply Contract unless there is unanimous approval, and commented on the method of paying for capital improvements.

Commissioner Cummings commented on breaking out repair and replacement costs for the expansion of the plant, having a discussion with Sarasota County, going to a common rate, going to an equity-based system, opposing a regional water supply expansion, pulling water out of fresh water inflows, the master water supply contract, and de-sal projects.

Mr. Lehman fielded questions from **Commissioner Duffy** regarding standards used for water quality, financial responsibilities related to 20 year and 7 year projections, projections based on market conditions, the draft budget with reductions, salary increases in the budget, and the equity-based system.

Commissioner Loftus clarified that the County only pays for water that is metered and the infrastructure of the allocation requested through the Utilities.

Mr. Lehman addressed inquiries from **Chairman Starr** related to the uses of 12M gallons of water per day, the production and availability of access water, the revised budget, personnel and contract services, and performance-based budgeting. **Chairman Starr** suggested putting a moratorium on all improvements, a moratorium on studies, a moratorium on salaries, having no change in the way rates are determined, made inquiry regarding the metered rate, and suggested gathering information on performance-based budgeting.

Commissioner Cummings shared some of the concerns expressed by **Chairman Starr**, stated he was not comfortable with a moratorium and the reasons

why, commented on the issue of paying for the infrastructure and variable rate, water quality problems, and taking Sarasota's concerns into account.

RECESS: 11:15 AM - 11:25 AM

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA - 10:00 A.M.

(1) Public Safety - **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consider approving an ordinance to provide for inclusion of appointment of registered nurse emergency room directors on the Medical Advisory Committee; deleting references to the emergency medical director contract; revising the functions of the committee including but not limited to deleting the authority to hear appeals of disciplinary actions against emergency medical personnel and designating the frequency and location of meetings; providing for inclusion in the Charlotte County code; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Charlotte County Fire Chief Dennis Didio requested the Board open for a public hearing to reconsider revising the Ordinance for the Medical Advisory Committee.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-027, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

(2) Administration - **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consider the application of Ambitrans Medical Transport, Inc. for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide non-emergency advanced life support and basic life support ambulance service throughout Charlotte County.

Kelly Shoemaker gave a brief summary of the item per packet material.

Mike Grant gave additional detail on the request for Ambitrans Medical Transport, Inc.

COMMISSIONER DUFFY MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOFTUS.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF AMBITRANS MEDICAL TRANSPORT, INC. FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE NON-EMERGENCY ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE SERVICE THROUGHOUT CHARLOTTE COUNTY INCLUDING THE FIVE ITEMS THAT CHIEF DIDIO HAS SUBMITTED AND THAT THE COUNTY BE ADDED AS AN ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

Attorney Knowlton referenced the conditions in Chief Didio's memo, stated that there were five, and requested that there also be additional requirements set forth in the Code that the County be added as an additional named insured.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

(3) County Attorney - **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Ordinance prohibiting acts of Aggressive or Obstructive Panhandling.

Attorney Knowlton stated that staff is bringing back the Ordinance prohibiting aggressive panhandling at the Board's request. Attorney Rooney commented that the issue is touchy and stated he reviewed 44 ordinances nationwide looking for the best advice going forward. **Commissioner Duffy** inquired about the ordinances reviewed. Attorney Rooney advised that the ordinance will survive any attack under current law.

George Attard spoke to the issues of the proposed Ordinance.

Grant Brady spoke to the issues of the proposed Ordinance.

Stephen Deutsch spoke in regard to types of homeless and Bayshore Park.

Lennie Marteri spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

MOTION CARRIED 4:0.

COMMISSIONER LOFTUS MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-028, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY.

Commissioner Cummings commented on concerns about vandalism and pointed out that the proposed ordinance does not cover vandalism, only aggressive panhandling. Attorney Rooney clarified the meanings and difference between the right to beg and free speech. **Commissioner Cummings** commented on the ordinance addressing a specific behavior, on the open container ordinance

being about homeless people, on legislating against actions not people, and mentioned a news broadcast about a murdered homeless man.

Commissioner Duffy clarified the open container ordinance is not a law intended to be against a group of people, but the actions of a group of people, commented on panhandling versus aggressive panhandling, mentioned an experience she had with a panhandler, and spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Chairman Starr expressed concerns with the situation, commented on a visit to a homeless camp, people's rights, and spoke in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cummings stated that he had voted for funding to put a homeless shelter across the street from his home, commented on the legality/illegality of people wandering aimlessly across the nation, and commented on being cautious about what is declared.

MOTION CARRIED 3:1. COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS OPPOSING.

VII. PRESENTATION AGENDA - no items.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA - no items

IX. BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA - no items.

X. CITIZEN INPUT - ANY SUBJECT

Stephen Deutsch thanked the Commissioners for its action on the aggressive panhandling ordinance and asked that the Board consider reimbursing the citizen the \$100+ he spent for park cleanup in order for him to have his wedding ceremony at the park.

Mike Brown spoke in opposition to taking land off tax rolls and putting it on the County's inventory and in opposition to the new position in Economic Development.

AA. County Administrator:

Mr. Baltz advised the May 3, 2010 Joint Meeting of the BOCC, School Board, and Punta Gorda City Council would be held at the School District meeting room.

BB. County Attorney: None

CC. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Cummings commented on the \$7,000 lot issue, mentioned issues related to cleaning up Bayshore Park, commented on enforcement of the litter law, and maintenance standards.

Commissioner Duffy commented on an email received from Tom Johnson of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association related to dog attacks, stated she has met with citizens about strengthening animal control laws, and had confirmed with Attorney Knowlton that the process was still going forward to resolve the problem. Attorney Knowlton stated the matter will be delayed until the next Legislative Session. **Commissioner Duffy** explained that the deadline had passed to get the bill into the current session, and that the County is hampered by the State Law, mentioned the Adopt-a-Park initiative related to maintenance, mentioned citizens getting involved to take care of the park, commented on an email received from the President of the ELF Neighborhood Association, commented on the appearance of US 41, and expressed her concerns.

Commissioner Loftus stated he had received emails related to the appearance of US 41, commented on the mowing contract related to the bidding process, and clarified with Mr. Baltz that the mowing contract had to be re-bid. Mr. Baltz responded that there was a specialty mowing bid that was taken back, recalled adding some mowing services for the South Gulf Cove Area, reminded the Board of its flexibility to make changes to the budget, mentioned removal of portable toilets, stated he would get a full status on the mowing issue, commented he had received calls on the appearance of the medians and would follow up. **Commissioner Loftus** commented on the unsightly appearance of the medians while trying to generate business. **Chairman Starr** pointed out that in March, there is more rain than usual, creating more weeds, and that the mowing rescheduling was set for that event. **Commissioner Cummings** recalled that the issue began before bringing on the new contractor and commented on lowering standards.

Attorney Knowlton stated she had followed up with John Jackson who confirmed the County had stopped maintaining 16 parks.

Chairman Starr commented on the sewers in the County, suggested that people organize and lobby with the Federal and State legislators for money to assist in the sewer project, and opined that he would like to see the Board begin lobbying to get assistance. **Commissioner Loftus** commented that he is trying to approach the local newspaper to get an ad out for that purpose and encouraged citizens to get involved.

There was brief Board discussion regarding Key West sewer funding. **Chairman Starr** commented on getting a congressman to introduce a bill stating that the Federal Government wants to participate in sewer project

due to danger and damage to the harbor. **Commissioner Duffy** agreed with **Chairman Starr's** comments.

Commissioner Cummings commented on having a specific project and dollar figure in order to get federal funding and commented on testing for evidence of regulations.

Commissioner Duffy commented on the Edgewater Drive project and asked if there was money left to put pipes down. **Commissioner Loftus** stated there is a force main that will take care of all the property west of Edgewater Drive and a hybrid gravity system will take care of properties east of Edgewater Drive, spoke in opposition to the hybrid gravity system, and in opposition to having the hearing in July because of lack of information.

ADJOURNED 12:40 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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