

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 31, 2011

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

Members present were: Chairman Starr, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Duffy, Commissioner Skidmore, County Administrator Sandrock, County Attorney Knowlton, and Deputy Clerk Lansing. The following members were absent: None

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Opening Comments - Ray Sandrock

Mr. Sandrock announced a second meeting to be held in West County at the Tringali Center this Wednesday at 6:00 PM, gave statistics related to past reductions, opined the County is ahead of others based on cuts already made, remarked on continuing to focus on efficiencies using performance based budgeting, and thanked all for their participation.

2. Presentation - Gordon Burger

Mr. Burger gave a brief summary of the Operational Review which included detail related to Charter Amendment #2, 2011/12 - 2012/13 Budget Process, Performance Based Budgeting, Fiscal Services - Mission Statement, Core Service #1 - Analytical Support, Revenue Projections and Budget Analysis, and responded to Board inquires.

3. Public Hearing - Citizen Input

David Kesselring provided his interpretation of the spending role of government.

Louis Macri commented on a budget proposal he provided to the Board in December, noted his opposition to funding non-profit organizations, mentioned survey results, and expressed additional budget concerns.

Eugene Leapley recommended the County work to better negotiate the Sheriff's budget.

John Hitzel discussed MSBU issues and opined the Board is doing a good job on the budget.

4. Commission Discussion and Recommendations

Commissioner Duffy commented on past budget meetings, remarked that we have been aggressive and eliminated a lot of waste within the organization, mentioned non-profits and the United Way process, asked for suggestions on reaching out to the community, and said MSBU's are good because they allow citizens to decide what they want and need. **Commissioner Skidmore** thanked the Fiscal Budget team and everyone attending, addressed those in the audience who spoke, mentioned non-profit funding, commended the County for making hard cuts and continuing to find efficiencies within the organization, asked citizens to share their comments, and said it is an honor to serve the people. **Chairman Starr** commented on the Sheriff's Budget, mentioned MSBU's, opined the need for a paving program, expressed opposition to funding non-profits, remarked on high costs within the Human Services Budget, and thanked all for their participation. **Commissioner Duffy** opined non-profits will be self sufficient in the future and mentioned Corrections is included within the Sheriff's Budget.

Commissioner Skidmore suggested they instruct Mr. Sandrock to look at the CCU debt, negotiate on behalf of the Board, and come back with a formal analysis. **Commissioner Constance** talked about rates and bonds, commended staff, and thanked citizens for their comments.

ADJOURNED: 6:58 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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