

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 10, 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, Chief Deputy Board Services White, and Deputy Clerk Carleton. The following members were absent: None. The meeting was called to order at **9:00 A.M.**

Invocation was given by Pastor Rusty Russell, New Day Christian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda:

Addition #1: Requested by: Emergency Management - Proclamation - Hurricane Awareness Days

Addition #2: Requested by: Commission Office - Proclamation - National Association of Letter Carriers/US Postal Service Food Drive Day

Addition #3: Requested by: Utilities - Z-7 - Approve Resolution providing Consent under the Master Water Supply Contract for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority to enter Charlotte County to construct Segment A of the Phase 2 Interconnect Pipeline for the City of North Port, while withholding approval of proposed Segment B of the Phase 2 Interconnect until after the decision is made whether or not to build Segment B.

Change #1: Requested by: Attorney's Office - Z-3 - Move to Public Hearing Agenda: ~~Discussion and direction regarding the approval of an~~ Consideration of an Ordinance directing Ray Sandrock to serve as Interim Director of Economic Development.

Change #2: Requested by: Commission Office - Z-5 - Additional attachment discussion and direction on Manasota/Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee. The term ~~Betsy McCallum~~ Ada Desouza is seeking to fill is scheduled to expire on August 24, 2011, at which point the vacancy shall be advertised again.

Change #3: Requested by: Commission Office - Z-6 - Additional attachment to discussion and direction regarding legislative policy/ Department of Revenue rule change of using the direct sales tax benefit for public-private partnerships.

Deletion #1: Requested by: Budget and Administrative Services - F-5 - a) Approve ranking of Firms for Request for Proposal #11-079 Fixed Base Automatic Meter Reading System: 1st - HD Supply Waterworks, LTD of Sarasota, FL; 2nd - Mueller Systems LLC of Cleveland, NC; and 3rd - Itron, Inc. of Liberty Lake, WA; and b) Approve start of Negotiations; c) Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract after successful completion of negotiations for the fixed base automatic meter reading system; and d) approve CIP Amendment #11-C05.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Proclamations - Commissioner Tricia Duffy

Arts and Humanities Council Artist of the Month - Kathy Przepadlo Proclamation, the month of May, 2011.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO PROCLAIM KATHY PRZEPADLO AS ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL ARTIST OF THE MONTH OF MAY, 2011, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Ms. Przepadlo accepted the Proclamation.

Building Safety Month Proclamation, the month of May, 2011.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, 2011 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Julia Galofre accepted the Proclamation.

Charlotte County Travel and Tourism Week Proclamation, May 7, 2011 through May 15, 2011.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 7, 2011 THROUGH MAY 15, 2011 AS CHARLOTTE COUNTY TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Lorah Steiner and two representatives from the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce accepted the Proclamation.

Michael Cohee Sr. Day Proclamation, May 10, 2011.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 10, 2011 AS MICHAEL COHEE SR. DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Michael Cohee Sr. accepted the Proclamation.

National Kids to Parks Day Proclamation, May 21, 2011.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 21, 2011 AS NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

There was no one present to accept the Proclamation.

National Public Works Week Proclamation, May 15, 2011 through May 21, 2011.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 15, 2011 THROUGH MAY 21, 2011 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Public Works Director Bob Halfhill accepted the Proclamation and gave an update of ongoing construction projects.

Phillip F. Wilson Day Proclamation, May 15, 2011.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 15, 2011 AS PHILLIP F. WILSON DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Philip F. Wilson accepted the Proclamation.

Trauma Awareness Month Proclamation, the month of May, 2011

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, 2011 AS TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Colby Terbly accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Lee Memorial Trauma Center.

Hurricane Awareness Days Proclamation, May 15, 2011 through May 21, 2011 and June 11, 2011

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 15, 2011 THROUGH MAY 21, 2011 AND JUNE 11, 2011 AS HURRICANE AWARENESS DAYS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Wayne Sallade, Director of Emergency Management, accepted the Proclamation and gave an update on public outreach and the Evacuation Collar Program.

National Association of Letter Carriers/US Postal Service Food Drive Day Proclamation, May 14, 2011

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO PROCLAIM MAY 14, 2011 AS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS/US POSTAL SERVICE FOOD DRIVE DAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

There was no one present to accept the Proclamation.

Employee Recognition - County Administrator Raymond J. Sandrock

Five Years: Matthew Adamo, Public Safety; O'Neal Cunanan, Public Safety; James Cunningham, Public Works; Brett Ducharme, Public Safety; James Fendrick, Building & Growth Management; Antonio Freitas, Facilities Construction & Maintenance; Eric Gauld, Utilities; Sara Gudmundsen, Utilities; William Hurcomb, Public Works; Anthony Jones, Public Works; John Kelly, Public Safety; Elaine Lovegrove, Public Safety; Hugh Meade, Real Estate Services; Greg O'Connor, Public Works; Justin Smoak, Public Safety; Patricia Stefan, Utilities; **Fifteen Years:** Tommy Cunningham, Public Works; Keith Hoover, Facilities Construction & Maintenance; **Twenty Years:** Jan Sanders, Public Safety; **Twenty-Five Years:** Jeffrey Sadler, Public Safety

Presentations – None

I. CITIZEN INPUT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Carl Johnson spoke in support of Agenda Item F-6.

Herman Velasco spoke in support of Agenda Items F-6 and Z-4.

Jim Gordon spoke to Agenda Item Z-1 and suggested ferry improvements.

Jay Julian, Richard Sadenwater, and Carol Peterson spoke to Agenda Item Z-1.

Michael Juchnowicz and Jack Merriam spoke to Agenda Item Z-4.

Bill Peterson spoke to Agenda Item Z-1, offered two options to fund the Station 10 transition, and suggested the Board hold a Town Hall Meeting.

David J. Witters spoke to Agenda Item Z-1 and mentioned a fire that occurred at his house.

II. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

Children's Services Council is seeking one volunteer, must be a resident of Charlotte County and has maintained residency for 24 months. The Commissioners will nominate three names to the Governor and one will be selected by the Governor for appointment. Submit resume to: the Charlotte County

Commission Office, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948, or call 941-743-1300, or e-mail BCC@charlottefl.com or fax 941-743-1310.

Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee is seeking three (3) volunteers to fill the following positions: One member-at-large to complete a term that expires September, 2011; One member of the "banking and finance" sector or "appraisal" sector, the latter as defined in Chapter 475, Florida Statute; term to expire September, 2012; One member-at-large term to expire September, 2013.

North West Port Charlotte Waterway Advisory Committee is seeking two volunteers; two regular members with three year term from the date appointed. Volunteers must reside within the boundaries of the MSBU. Submit application to Public Works Department, 7000 Florida Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 or call 941-575-3600; fax 941-637-9265; or e-mail: msbu@charlottefl.com

III. REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

Charlotte Harbor CRA Advisory Committee Minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting.

Murdock Village CRA Advisory Committee Minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA EXCEPT AGENDA ITEM G-1, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

A. Finance Division

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Clerk's Finance Memorandum. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Memorandum #2 - Total Disbursements for the Period April 15, 2011 through April 28, 2011 in the amount of \$9,508,329.01.

B. Minutes Division

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: BUDGETED ACTION: None

3/22/11 9:00 AM Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

3/24/11 5:30 PM Public Charrette III

4/11/11 9:00 AM Pre-Agenda Meeting

4/12/11 9:00 AM Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

4/18/11 1:30 PM Joint Meeting Charlotte County BOCC / Sarasota County BOCC

Board of County Commissioners

C. Commission Office

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint Garland Wilson to the Marine Advisory Committee replacing Fred Mesler, who resigned as the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Representative. This term shall expire on December 31, 2012. BUDGETED ACTION: None

D. Administration

Administration

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set a Joint Meeting between the Board of County Commissioners and the Charlotte County Airport Authority for July 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Murdock Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Room #119. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Public Information Office - No Items.

E. County Attorney - No Items.

F. Budget and Administrative Services

Budget and Administrative Services

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a Resolution authorizing the renewal of a loan of an amount not to exceed \$7,015,000 from the Pooled Commercial Paper Loan Program of the Florida Local Government Finance Commission in order to re-finance a loan (A1-1 BofA) previously made to finance various capital improvements within the County. This follows the original plan to obtain the favorable short term financing and renew it for the remaining payoff term of the MSBUs from when the projects were completed. BUDGETED ACTION: Principal and interest payments are budgeted in FY11 in Public Works or previous paving projects (MSBUs) for various locations and CCU for the Rotonda Villas and springs projects.

Resolution 2011-219

(2) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution authorizing the borrowing of an amount not-to-exceed \$14,318,000 from the Pooled Commercial Paper Loan Program of the Florida Local Government Finance Commission in order to finance various capital improvements within the County for four (4) subsequently described Public Works' projects. The loan is amortized over 10 to 15 years with the balance to balloon on June 2015, at which time the loan will be renewed (and/or paid down). The loan will be repaid with various revenue sources including gas taxes, road impact fees, and assessments. The loan is secured with a covenant to budget and appropriate non-ad valorem revenues. BUDGETED

ACTION: Principal and interest payments are budgeted in FY 11 in the adopted CIP projects where the proceeds will be used.

Resolution 2011-220

(3) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven's request for a test year of December 31, 2010 for the filing of its application for an adjustment of rates, and authorization for the Chairman to sign the attached letter indicating such approval. BUDGETED ACTION: Fiscal Year 2011 Budget amount is \$161,838.

Fiscal Services - No Items.

Information Technology - No Items.

Purchasing

(4) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve cancellation of Contract #10-180 Specialty Mowing with John Eisele, Inc. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Award File #11-124, Work Order #2, Contract #10-269 Engineers of Record, for US 41 Utility Engineering Design Services, to Hazen and Sawyer of Sarasota, FL: for a project not-to-exceed amount of \$289,000. This work order is for utility engineering design services associated with FDOT's project in the widening of US 41 from Enterprise Drive to South Cranberry Boulevard in Charlotte County. BUDGETED ACTION: Amount budgeted \$300,000 in CIP c361101 - Utility Installation for US 41 Widening Project - Enterprise Drive to North Port line.

(7) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve deletion of the property inventory items listed on the attached for the month of May, 2011. BUDGETED ACTION: None

(8) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a resolution amending resolution 2003-059 adopting policies and procedures for the selection of consultants under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) by revising the Professional Services Committee and Competitive Selection process. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Resolution 2011-221

Real Estate Services - No Items.

G. Building and Growth Management

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set a Public Workshop to be held May 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to consider proposed changes to Chapter 3-9, Article III, Charlotte County Code of Ordinances. BUDGETED ACTION: None

Commissioner Duffy explained why she pulled the item, mentioned a conversation with Julie Mathis of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce related to an online membership survey, and requested the item be delayed by two weeks. **Commissioner Deutsch** and **Commissioner Skidmore** expressed

concern with postponement of the item. Attorney Knowlton advised any direction received as a result of the Public Workshop will be incorporated into a draft Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM G-1, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

H. Community Services

Parks and Natural Resources - No Items.

Recreation - No Items.

Libraries and Historical - No Items.

J. Economic Development - No Items.

K. Facilities Construction and Maintenance - No Items.

L. Human Resources - No Items.

M. Human Services - No Items.

N. Public Safety - No Items.

P. Public Works - No Items.

Q. Tourism Development

(1) RECOMMENDED ACTION: a) Approve Grant application for a grant from Florida Sports Foundation to assist in the production of the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships which will take place in Charlotte County over the dates of Jan 8-15, 2012; b) Authorize the Chair to execute the necessary grant documents. BUDGETED ACTION: No action required.

Grant 2011-016

R. Utilities - No Items.

S. Other Agencies - No Items.

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

(1) Economic Development - Conduct the first of two public hearings to authorize the designation of the Murdock Village Enhancement Zone as authorized under Section 376.79 F.S. Florida Brownfield Area Designation.

Debrah Forester presented the item and noted it is the first of two Public Hearings.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING #1, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Chairman Starr announced that a second Public Hearing is required and that no vote should have been taken.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO RESCIND THE VOTE FOR PUBLIC HEARING #1, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

(The second Public Hearing is scheduled for May 24, 2011 at which time a vote will be taken for the Resolution.)

(2) Commission Office - Consideration of an Ordinance directing Ray Sandrock to serve as interim Director of Economic Development.

Attorney Knowlton explained the item. **Commissioner Deutsch** questioned the purpose of the item, suggested an aggressive search for a permanent Director, and expressed concern with giving additional responsibilities to Mr. Sandrock. Ms. Knowlton advised no formal Board direction has been given to advertise the position and addressed other related concerns.

Grace Amodeo spoke in opposition to giving additional duties to Mr. Sandrock.

Michael Grant praised the job performance of Kay Tracy, the Interim Economic Development Director, disagreed with increasing Mr. Sandrock's responsibilities, and stated he is opposed to approval.

An unidentified citizen expressed concern with increasing the size and cost of government.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO DENY THE RECOMMENDED ACTION OF APPROVING THE ORDINANCE DIRECTING RAY SANDROCK TO SERVE AS INTERIM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

Commissioner Constance explained reasons why Mr. Sandrock should be appointed Interim Economic Development Director and why Ms. Tracy should continue her duties as Project Manager. **Chairman**

Starr explained the Charter Amendment, praised Ms. Tracy's job performance, and commented on the need to have policies and procedures in place before hiring a new director. **Commissioner Duffy** expressed concern with the Economic Development Director having to answer to the Board, spoke in support of Mr. Sandrock as Interim Economic Development Director, explained why, and mentioned the

need to begin the search. **Commissioner Deutsch** spoke in support of the Motion, suggested directing Human Resources to begin the search immediately; indicated things should be left the way they are, and commented on respecting voter concerns. **Commissioner Skidmore** suggested Mr. Sandrock and Ms. Tracy meet on a weekly basis, pointed out Enterprise Charlotte Economic Council (ECEC) agreed to pay half of the cost of a headhunter, and suggested consulting with the ECEC before beginning the search. **Commissioner Constance** clarified the Charter would not be violated by appointing Mr. Sandrock as Interim Director. Attorney Knowlton provided clarification.

MOTION CARRIED 3:2. COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE, COMMISSIONER DUFFY OPPOSING.

Kathryn Ranson of Human Resources responded to Board inquiries related to the hiring process.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO DIRECT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK WITH HUMAN RESOURCES TO BRING FORTH A PLAN TO RECRUIT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ENTERPRISE CHARLOTTE ECONOMIC COUNCIL (ECEC), SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

Mr. Sandrock explained the recruitment process and offered to narrow down a group of candidates for Board review and for a final decision. County Attorney Knowlton gave related legalities.

MOTION CARRIED 4:1. CHAIRMAN STARR OPPOSING.

RECESS: 10:40 AM to 10:50 AM

V. REGULAR AGENDA

Z. Regular Agenda

(1) Public Safety - Discussion and direction of options to staff Fire Station-10 on Don Pedro / Knight Island.

Chief Didio gave a presentation of options for Fire Station 10 and he and Deputy County Attorney Dan Gallagher responded to Board inquiries. **Chairman Starr** provided historical details and mentioned Escambia County.

COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH MOVED TO HAVE CHIEF DIDIO ASSESS ALL POSSIBILITIES AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A VIABLE OPTION. THE MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE A SECOND AND WAS LOST.

Commissioner Skidmore requested Chief Didio be allowed to finish his presentation and review all options for the benefit of the island residents present. Board discussion ensued. **Commissioner Duffy** suggested Little Gasparilla Island should make the decision. Chief Didio recommended Option #8 as the most viable option.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO GIVE MR. SANDROCK DIRECTION TO WORK WITH CHIEF DIDIO TO EXPLORE OPTIONS #8, #7, AND #2 WITH THE ISLAND RESIDENTS AND BRING BACK RECOMMENDATIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

Commissioner Skidmore questioned Option #8 relative to State Statute. Attorney Gallagher indicated he would research the item and later advise the Board.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Chief Didio clarified the Motion.

IX. BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA - 10:00 A.M.

(1) Budget and Administrative Services - Hold a Workshop to discuss options for MSBU operations and funding.

Gordon Burger gave a synopsis of indirect costs, provided detail on an additional handout distributed to the Board, and presented an overview of MSBU/MSTU Paving by PowerPoint. **Commissioner Deutsch** expressed concern with the MSBU system, read a related citizen email into the record, and suggested having a referendum for the MSBUs. **Chairman Starr** recommended funding for streets, drainage, and paving with sales taxes and mentioned the possibility of putting several options on a referendum. Board discussion ensued. Deputy County Attorney Dan Gallagher responded to Board inquiries. **Commissioner Constance** requested moving Agenda Items Z-4 and Z-7 up on the Agenda.

Z. Regular Agenda (continued and items taken out of order)

(4) Commission Office - Discussion and direction on the Fertilizer Ordinance before the July 1, 2011, deadline imposed by the State of Florida.

Commissioner Constance explained the Item. Attorney Knowlton pointed out the current Ordinance was grandfathered in 2009 and explained legalities. Andy Stevens, Jack Merriam of Sarasota County, Terri Kesner, and Michael Juchnowicz of Gardenmasters responded to Board inquiries. **Commissioner Duffy** pointed out there is a Fertilizer Ordinance in place, provided related detail, and expressed concern with enforcement of the Ordinance. **Commissioner Constance** noted the educational aspects of having the Ordinance in place.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESTRICTION OF FERTILIZER USE FROM JUNE 1ST TO SEPTEMBER 30TH AND TO RESTRICT NITROGEN TO FOUR (4) LBS. PER THOUSAND FEET, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 3:2. CHAIRMAN STARR, COMMISSIONER DUFFY OPPOSING.

RECESS: 12:40 PM to 1:40 PM

(2) Community Services - Board discussion and direction to replace parking meters.

Chairman Starr advised, because of a scheduling conflict, John Jackson was unable to give the presentation at this time.

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO RE-SCHEDULE AGENDA ITEM Z-2 FOR THE MAY 24, 2011 BCC REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

(7) Utilities - Approve Resolution providing Consent under the Master Water Supply Contract for the Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority to enter Charlotte County to construct Segment A of the Phase 2 Interconnect Pipeline for the City of North Port, while withholding approval of proposed Segment B of the Phase 2 Interconnect until after the decision is made whether or not to build Segment B.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2011-222, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

MOTION CARRIED 4:1. CHAIRMAN STARR OPPOSING.

(5) Commission Office - Discussion and direction on Manasota/Sandpiper Key Advisory Committee. The term Ada Desouza is seeking to fill is scheduled to expire on August 24, 2011, at which point the vacancy shall be advertised again.

Commissioner Skidmore noted Betsy Mccallum had withdrawn her application.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO NOMINATE ADA DESOUZA TO THE MANASOTA/SANDPIPER KEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 24, 2011, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUFFY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

(6) Commission Office - Discussion and direction regarding legislative policy/Department of Revenue rule change of using the direct sales tax benefit for public-private partnerships.

Commissioner Skidmore explained the Department of Revenue rule and the Direct Purchase Benefit, indicated he had written to Governor Scott, and mentioned John Wayne Smith of the Florida Association of Counties.

COMMISSIONER SKIDMORE MOVED TO WRITE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW SPECIFIED PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO USE THE DIRECT PURCHASE BENEFIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DEUTSCH

Chairman Starr mentioned the Brownfield Areas and spoke in support of the Motion.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

VII. PRESENTATION AGENDA - No Items.

VIII. PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA - No Items

X. CITIZEN INPUT - ANY SUBJECT

Herman Velasco reported on House Bills 7107 and 7109 related to the Managed Medicare Program and requested the Board ask the Governor's Office to have a Special Session to repeal Senate Bill 550.

AA. County Administrator:

Mr. Sandrock noted a memorandum from the Water Authority asking the Board to appoint an elected official to participate in the 2011 Water Summit, indicated staff would be meeting weekly with Southwest Land Developers related to the Land Swap, commented on his plan for

Real Estate Services and Tourism to not renew its leased space in the SunTrust Building, and noted a successful meeting held by Building & Growth Management at the Cultural Center on April 28, 2011 regarding Code Enforcement.

BB. County Attorney:

Attorney Knowlton gave an update relative to the travel policies of Sarasota, Gilchrist, and Leon Counties, mentioned the 1998 Resolution approved already, and asked for Board direction. **Chairman Starr** noted points contained in the 1998 Resolution, explained Commissioners are independent contractors, and gave related detail. **Commissioner Duffy** mentioned conversations with School Board members, spoke in favor of planning trips a year in advance, and stated the need for a reasonable policy. There was Board discussion. **Commissioner Constance** spoke in support of leaving the Travel Policy as is, suggested increasing the Travel Budget, and explained why. **Chairman Starr** pointed out over 50% of the Travel Budget has been spent within four (4) months. **Commissioner Duffy** proposed that the Board consider a \$10,000 Travel Budget for next year with \$2,000 allotted to each Commissioner. **Chairman Starr** concurred. **(No Consensus Received)**

CC. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Deutsch commented on the hazards of cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke, requested consensus for the Board to look into banning cigarette smoking on the beaches and in the parks **(No Consensus Received)**, mentioned Sarasota County, and requested any monies received from the sale of County property be directly utilized to offset the debt on Murdock Village. **Commissioner Skidmore** spoke in opposition to designating money to just one item, explained why, and mentioned a Millage Rate Stabilization Fund. Chief Deputy Board Services Tommy White responded to related inquiries. **Chairman Starr** applauded **Commissioner Deutsch** for his suggestion related to the debt on Murdock Village; but spoke in opposition. **Commissioner Duffy** gave additional detail related to the Budget, commented on a scam related to deed retrieval services, noted a front page article in the Sun Sentinel advertising Charlotte Harbor, and commended the Tourism Department. **Commissioner Constance** highlighted the fact May is Mental Health Awareness Month, mentioned activities attended, provided an update on the Pill Mill Ordinance, mentioned meetings with the Medical Society,

encouraged people to donate blood, and asked Administration to continue exploring lease options for the Health Clinic and various County departments. **Commissioner Skidmore** pointed out improvements made to the Employee Health Clinic.

ADJOURNED: 2:30 PM

Chairman

ATTEST:

**BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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