

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 9, 2011

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

Members present were: Chairman Bob Starr, Commissioner Christopher Constance, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Commissioner Robert Skidmore, Assistant County Administrator Kelly Shoemaker, County Attorney Janette S. Knowlton, Deputy Clerk Carleton, Mayor Harvey Goldberg, Vice Mayor William F. Albers, Council Member Rachel Keesling, Council Member Charles Wallace, City Manager Howard Kunik, City Attorney David Levin, and City Clerk Sue Foster. The following members were absent: Council Member Larry Friedman

The meeting was called to order at **9:00 AM**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Goldberg and **Chairman Starr** made introductions and opening comments.

I. Introduction of Economic Development Director Tom Patton and his Goals/Objectives/Perspective (County)

Mr. Tom Patton gave a brief introduction, noted the area is a retirement community, commented on marketability assets and quality area attractions, explained key initiatives, and summarized his background and accomplishments.

II. Jones Loop Road Railroad Crossing Construction Update (County)

Dan Quick provided an update and responded to inquiries. **Commissioner Duffy** suggested sending a notice to the property owners associations due to the volume of people affected by the construction.

III. Murdock Village Development Update (Resort Area, Entertainment Area, Ripkin Sports Area) (City)

Mr. Patton presented the item, noted the Economic Development Department being under confidentiality notices for some projects, thanked the County and City for its participation in the Sports Complex Feasibility Study, pointed out it will take time for the projects to come together, and responded to inquiries. Mayor Goldberg noted the number of opportunities resulting from Murdock Village. **Commissioner Deutsch** explained the importance of looking at the Master Plan and mentioned San Antonio, Texas. **Commissioner Duffy** commented further related to the Guitar Park. Council Member Keesling inquired about the Ripken project. **Chairman Starr** responded in detail. **Commissioner Deutsch** indicated the County is in the process of finalizing the contractual arrangements for the Feasibility Analysis and discussed two items included in the contract.

IV. Road Resurfacing in Aqui Esta Area (County)

Mr. Quick presented the project, gave detail on the roads included in the project, recommended adding a Change Order to the existing paving contract to resurface Vasco Street, suggested having the City share the cost, and responded to inquiries. **Commissioner Constance** expressed concern with the condition of the road from Aqui Esta to Rio Villa and questioned what would be done. Mayor Goldberg explained the importance of resurfacing a certain section of Vasco Street. Vice Mayor Albers pointed out Vasco Street is owned by the

County. City Manager Howard Kunik and Mayor Goldberg agreed with comments made by **Commissioner Constance**. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Quick stated he would review the Budget to put Vasco Street on the paving list for next year. Assistant Administrator Shoemaker clarified direction to move Vasco Street to the list of road priorities and indicated staff would research the cost and come back to the BCC for approval. **Commissioner Constance** requested staff review the width of Vasco Street related to cost and come back to the Board. Mr. Quick proposed having a joint paving contract between the County and the City where appropriate and explained the savings that would be achieved.

V. Burnt Store Road construction update - Phases I & III, plans for Phase II right of way easements, funding, and actual construction (County)

Mr. Quick provided an update on Phase I, II and III of Burnt Store Road construction and responded to inquiries. County Attorney Knowlton gave additional detail. **Commissioner Duffy** commented on attending a property owners' meeting for Burnt Store Village.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Duffy reminded the Members of the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11, announced the events planned, encouraged people to attend, and asked that the public display their American flags. **Chairman Starr** reported on the Legislative Delegation meeting, mentioned the Gas Tax Fund, discussed the importance of working together to pass legislation to bring monies back into the County, thanked the City for its participation in the Ripken Study, noted **Commissioner Skidmore's** idea related to sales tax, commented further, and thanked the Members for their participation. Mayor Goldberg thanked everyone for their presentations, gave additional detail related to the Legislative Priorities, and announced other events commemorating 9/11. (**Commissioner Skidmore left the meeting at 10:03 AM.**) **Commissioner Deutsch** also thanked the City for their participation. Mayor Goldberg noted the next Joint Meeting on the second Friday in December. **Commissioner Constance** commended the cooperative efforts between the two Boards, expressed appreciation for the comments related to Vasco Street and Burnt Store Road, and mentioned the passing of the Legislator Dave Bitner. Ms. Shoemaker announced the opening of the next Charlotte County Government Academy.

ADJOURNED: 10:07 PM

Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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