

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room B-106, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Duffy. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock, Deputy County Administrator Shoemaker, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Cash, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Economic Development Director Comments

Lucienne Pears, Economic Development Director showed a Western Michigan University (WMU) and Florida SouthWestern State College partnership announcement event video, displayed an advertisement in Expansion Solutions Magazine naming Charlotte County as an aviation manufacturing related business destination, discussed National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), Florida International Air Show, College of Aviation programs, aviation related businesses, and retaining graduating pilots.

Commissioner Duffy inquired about businesses utilizing airport.

2. Western Michigan University Q&A

Ms. Pears introduced Ed Martini, Extended University Programs Associate Dean, Mohamed Sultan, Geosciences Department Chair, Matt Reeves, Geosciences Department Associate Professor, and Nicole Johnson, local recruiter.

Dr. Martini spoke to WMU Florida initiative and gave a brief overview of schedule focusing on environmental and sustainability programs. Dr. Sultan discussed WMU Geology Department, expertise areas, current projects, local research items of interest, and algae bloom studies. Dr. Reeves commented on specializations and local applications.

Chair Truex referenced Sunshine Lake algae study. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to RESTORE Act funding, Charlotte Harbor water composition, oyster and scallop restoration, septic to sewer, and aquifer. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed nitrogen and phosphorous issues and algae blooms. **Commissioner Duffy** commented on Sunshine Lake algae study, Agricultural and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ANRAC), sheet flow issue, Southwest Florida Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District, Lake Okeechobee issue, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, and the Peace River.

3. Utilities MSBUs-Methodology

Thomas Friedrich, Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc. spoke to Sewer System Expansion Funding Methodology, Stewardship of the Environment, undeveloped parcels, and designated fund concept. Christopher Baggett, Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc. gave a brief overview of Existing Water Service,

Existing Wastewater Service, Septic and Other On-Site Sewer, commented on Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Nitrogen Loading Model (NLM), undeveloped parcels, and base monthly usage level. Tony Hairston, Raftelis Financial Consultant gave a brief overview of Property Types and Environmental Benefits, Parcel Breakdown, Select MSBU Parcel Data, Balance the Sewer System Expansion Plan, Sewer Extension Costs, Affordability Guidelines, Affordability Indicators – Sewers, Affordability Threshold, Other Funding Sources, Discussion of MSBU Methodology Approach, Alternative to MSBU's – Utility Expansion, Hardship, Next Steps, Affordable Indicators – Water, and responded to Board inquiries. Terry Lowery, Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc. discussed community effort, initiative opportunities, DEP Nitrogen Source Inventory and Loading Tool (NSILT) Model, potential development areas, grants, Governor's septic-to-sewer program, and funding opportunities.

Gary Hubbard, Utilities Director outlined discussion points, spoke to average monthly usage levels, Englewood Water District, one standard fee option, water conservation environmental factors, utility rates, existing septic tanks, connection costs, line extension standard fee, exceptions, technology system design, identifying affordability threshold, system costs, County and Health Department coordination, contiguous lots, and deferred assessments. Travis Mortimer, Capital Projects Manager commented on sales tax option. Marilyn Miller, Assistant County Attorney discussed deferred assessments.

County Administrator Sandrock spoke to designated fund concept, funding sources, base amount, various system options, subsidy, and environmental fees.

Chair Truex spoke to funding model examples, multiple parcel owners, septic tank and drain field costs, MSBU's, Englewood Water District model, cap amount, alternative funding resources, technology system design, connection costs, and environmental impact. **Commissioner Constance** commented on undeveloped parcels, El Jobean east side, base monthly usage fee, ad valorem, benefited properties, multiple parcel owners, connection fees, sales tax option, payment methods, marketing, prioritizing, timetable, simplifying transition, County and Health Department coordination, MSBU's, geography, vacant parcels, and contiguous lots. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed base monthly usage level, water conservation environmental factor, Governor's septic-to-sewer program, existing rate payers, multiple parcel owners, technology system design, septic tank and drain field costs, Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC) concept, Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) concept, and affordability threshold. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to DEP Nitrogen Loading Model, El Jobean east and west side build-outs, base monthly usage level, designated fund concept, utility rates, MSBU's/MSTU's, ad valorem, water quality community initiative, benefited properties, technology system design, cap amount, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs, septic tank and drain field costs, existing septic tanks, ERC concept, ERU concept, State Statute Chapter 381, resolving fund concept, Englewood Water District model, vacant parcels, and contiguous lots. **Commissioner Duffy** commented on past failures, average monthly usage levels, septic tank costs, affordability, MSBU's, cap amount, and technology system design.

AA. County Administrator:

County Administrator Sandrock discussed Airport firefighter personnel costs and phasing in costs.

Commissioner Constance inquired about passenger fee, surcharge, Airport budget, and discussed Airport firefighter personnel costs. **Commissioner Deutsch** spoke to Airport fiscal condition and Airport firefighter personnel costs. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Airport firefighter personnel costs.

BB. County Attorney: None

CC. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Constance thanked **Commissioner Duffy** for service to Charlotte County. **Commissioner Doherty** noted he will be attending the Small County Coalition Meeting.

ADJOURNED: 11:58 am

William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk