

The Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, met in regular session on the above date. The Chairman called the meeting to order and Commissioner Wooten led in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Commissioners:	Jim Fowler, Chairman; Gary Bartell, First Vice-Chairman; Josh Wooten, Second Vice-Chairman; Roger Batchelor and Vicki Phillips
Attorney:	Robert B. Battista
Administrator:	Richard Wm. Wesch
Clerks:	Theresa Steelfox and Glenda Brown, Deputy Clerks

#3- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, as follows:

#3-A Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2003.

#3-B Approved the following warrants: Payroll registers dated 02/18/03 at \$434,281.93 and dated 02/20/03 at \$31,906.12. Accounts Payable register dated 02/24/03 at \$1,142,969.74.

#3-C Adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign the following budget resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, the Fire Training Center has collected fees for tactics and hydraulics books; and WHEREAS, these fees need to be appropriated to offset the cost of the books; and WHEREAS, this was not included in the original budget process; therefore, it is necessary for the Board to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2002/2003; and

WHEREAS, Section 129.06(d), Florida Statutes, provides that the Board may amend its budget by resolution spread upon its minutes to appropriate and expend funds from a source not anticipated in the Board's regular budget; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, in regular session on the 25th day of February 2003, as follows:

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2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the meeting held this date.

ATTEST:

/s/ Betty Strifler

BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ Jim Fowler

JIM FOWLER, CHAIRMAN

EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	051-342-903	Fire Training Center - Books	\$3,020
<i>Expenditures</i>	051-3225-55400	Dues, Books, Subscriptions	\$3,020

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-032

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office has an interlocal agreement with the City of Inverness for transcription of reports; and

WHEREAS, these funds need to be appropriated to offset the costs of the transcriptions; and

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	001-369-900	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$19,200
<i>Expenditures</i>	001-3101-51000	Personal Services	\$19,200

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-033

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act the Sheriff has established a Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff will use the funds collected for contributions to Shared Services Alliance of Citrus County and Childhood Development Services and an ad in the Lecanto High School softball program with a message of reporting drugs to the CCSO tip line; and

WHEREAS, this was not included in the original budget process; therefore, it is necessary for the Board to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2002/2003; and

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Revenues		Contraband and Forfeiture	\$4,150
Expenditures		Operating Expenditures	\$4,150

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2003 the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners approved a contract for billboard inventory services on County roadways and approved a resolution adopting annual fees for billboard signs located on County roadways; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the billboard inventory contract will be offset by the annual billboard fees; and

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Revenues	107-329-600	Billboard Fees	\$6,820
Expenditures	107-2781-53400	Other Contractual Services	\$6,820

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-035

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LIBRARIES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, the Division of Library Services has received donations from the Friends of the Central Ridge Library, Friends of the Coastal Region Library, Friends of the Lakes Region Library, and Friends of the Homosassa Public Library; and

WHEREAS, these donations will be used to purchase and install metal shelving, a continuous order plan of recorded books, and the Library's Book Cart Drill Team; and

WHEREAS, this was not included in the original budget process; therefore, it is necessary for the Board to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2002/2003; and

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	131-366-907	Donations – Friends of the Library	16,655
		Total Revenues	\$16,655
<i>Expenditures</i>	131-6212-55200	Operating Supplies	64
	131-6212-56400	Machinery and Equipment	15,380
	131-6212-56600	Library Books and Publications	1,211
		Total Expenditures	\$16,655

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-036

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITRUS SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2003 the Citrus Springs MSBU Board approved additional funds to be allocated to the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for various items at the Community Center, including additional tables and chairs; and

WHEREAS, this was not included in the original budget process; therefore, it is necessary for the Board to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2002/2003; and

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>		Cash Carry Forward	25,800
		Total Revenues	\$25,800

<i>Expenditures</i>	730-8225-54300	Utility Services	3,000
	730-8225-54921	Advertising	2,000
	730-8225-55120	Non-Capital Equipment	13,000
	730-8225-55211	Janitorial Supplies	4,800
	730-8225-56200	Buildings	3,000
		Total Expenditures	\$25,800

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-037

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE HAZARDS ANALYSES GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2002 the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners approved a State-Funded Subgrant Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2002 the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs executed the agreement providing funds for hazards analyses; and

WHEREAS, this was not included in the original budget process; therefore, it is necessary for the Board to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2002/2003; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	034C-334-240	Haz Mat Grant	4,458
		Cash Carry Forward	326
		Total Revenues	\$4,784
<i>Expenditures</i>	034C-5735C-55100	Office Supplies	250
	034C-5735C-55201	Tools, Implements, Special Clothing	1,804
	034C-5735C-55275	Computer Software	1,900
	034C-5735C-56400	Machinery and Equipment	830
		Total Expenditures	\$4,784

#3-D Approved the following budget transfers: **ELECTIONS:** \$7,000 from #001-2440-51400 to #51300. **CDD/DDS:** \$100 from #107-2781-54000 to #55221, \$600 from #55417 to #55120, and \$500 from #3441-55100 to #54000. **FSD:** \$3,500 from #154-3200-56300 to #56100. **ESD/NITRATE REDUCTION:** \$2,013 from #062-5115-56400 to #55120. **HOMOSASSA WW PHASE II-DEP:** \$80,322 from #352-5119-56300 to #53100. **HOMOSASSA WW PHASE II-SWFWMD:** \$107,096 from #353-5120-56300 to #53100. **HSD/SHIP:** \$100 from #133A-5304A-55100 to #54605. **HSD/LIHEAP:** \$600 from #167C-

5373C-51200, \$3,000 from #-51205, and \$300 from #-52100 to #-54922. **SSD/SHIRLEY CONROY RURAL CAPITAL GRANT:** \$40 from #067-5412-56400 to #-55270. **LSD:** \$1,853 from #131-6212-54604 to #-56400. **CITRUS SPRINGS MSBU:** \$1,500 from #730-8200-54625 to #-55203.

#3-E Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Satisfactions of Judgment for Ferris Darlene Wall, Case No. 2000-MM-554; David L. Ferguson, Case No. 02-02767-TC; Mark Christopher McTarsney, Case No. 02-01393-TC; William Jeremy Fowler, Case No. 02-01378-TC; Miguel A. Brenes, Case No. 02-02893-MM; Latasha Denise Brown, Case No. 02-02351-MM; Richard Lloyd Blakeslee, Case No. 02-03093-TC; Mithcell L. Landis, Case No. 01-03239-MM, Gerald Quattlebaum, Case No. 02-02797-MM, and Nicole Marie Shamblen, Case No. 02-02368-MM.

#3-F Acknowledged receipt of a letter from James C. Duck, Chief, Planning Division of the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (Corps) regarding the initiation of a Basin Study to address the water management issues presented in the Expedited Reconnaissance Study for the Withlacoochee River Watershed and the Green Swamp.

#3-G Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Records Disposition Document No. 380 (Board of County Commissioners), No. 381 (Citrus County Jail), No. 382 (County Administrator), No. 383 (Code Enforcement), No. 384 (Community Development), No. 385 (Development Services), No. 389 (Public Safety), No. 390 (Public Works), No. 391 (Building), and No. 392 (Property Appraiser) for disposition of records that have met their assigned retention standards and are ready for destruction.

#3-H Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Maintenance Services/Professional Services Agreement with IKON Marketplace for the Ricoh Copier AF 1022 located in the Department of Community Services, from April 22, 2003, through September 30, 2003, at \$65.60 per month.

#3-I Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a commitment letter to create a grant to Florida Low Income Housing Associates, Inc., at \$150,000 under the Citrus County Rental Development Strategy funded by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

#3-J Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the American Red Cross Authorized Provider Agreement in order for certified Parks and Recreation staff to teach various American Red Cross sponsored classes to County employees.

#3-K Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Release of Lien in Code Enforcement Case No. 02-063 filed against Elizabeth J. Tofoya at \$199.

#3-L Set the following public hearings in the Masonic Building, 3rd Floor, 111 West Main Street, Inverness to consider amendments to the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan (COMP) Ordinance No. 89-04 as amended, and the Land Development Code Atlas (LDCA) Ordinance No. 90-14:

Date and Time	Application
<u>Transmittal Workshop</u> March 11, 2003, 2:00 PM	CPA/AA-02-18 Department of Development Services (DDS) CPA-03-01 (DDS)
<u>Transmittal Hearing</u> April 8, 2003, 5:05 PM	CPA/AA-03-01 (DDS) CPA/AA-03-03 (DDS) CPA/AA-03-05 (DDS) CPA/AA-03-09 (DDS)

#3-M Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Lift Station Agreement U.S. Highway 19, Phase IV Wastewater Project, which would apply to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block F, U.S. 19 No. 3 Addition recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 123.

#3-N Waived the \$80 fee for the use of Bicentennial Park Field No. 4 for the Seven Rivers Christian School girls softball season to be held February through April 2003.

#3-O Approved staff's request to negotiate and purchase property from Francis L. and Darlene Verdun, Trustees of the Verdun Family Trust dated July 17, 1997, for a lift station site and future expansion of the Chassahowitzka Water Quality Project at \$3,000 plus closing costs not to exceed \$500.

#3-P Adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a Resolution setting a public hearing on March 25, 2003, at 2:45 P.M. in the Masonic Building, 3rd Floor, 111 West Main Street, Inverness to consider approval of street vacation SV-02-05, as petitioned by Edwin L. Rand. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-038**

#3-Q Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Modification of Agreement with the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to change the start date of the FY 2003 Low Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) contract from March 1, 2003, to January 15, 2003, and to amend the amount to \$152,663.

#3-R **1)** Accepted a Temporary Construction Easement Deed signed by Charles William Stansbury and Cheryl A. Welter, Co-Trustees of the Helen H. Stansbury Inter-Vivos Trust Agreement, dated April 18, 2001, as First Amended on January 21, 2002, to correct a perpetual drainage problem on Parcel 23400, and **2)** directed the Clerk to place the acceptance stamp thereon and record in the public records.

#3-S Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Satisfaction of Lien in Construction Licensing and Appeals Board Citation No. 0332 against Michael S. Morgan d/b/a MSM Solutions at \$500.

#3-T Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Modification of Agreement with Consolidated Resource Recovery Bid No. 002-03, which amended the hourly rates for ground yard waste screening in addition to the cubic yard based rates in the original agreement.

#3-U→W Set the following public workshops and public hearings in the Masonic Building, 3rd Floor, 111 West Main Street, Inverness to consider amendments to the LDCA Ordinance No. 90-14:

Date and Time	Application
Public Workshop: March 11, 2003 at 2:40 P.M.	AA-03-03, Paul Furman for Tom Wolf and
Public Hearing: April 22, 2003 at 5:01 P.M.	AA-03-01, Fayyaz Hussian and Tabasam Sial.
Public Workshop: March 11, 2003 at 2:30 P.M.	AA-02-16, Clark Stillwell, Esquire, for Black Diamond Properties, Inc.
Public Hearing: April 8, 2003 at 2:15 P.M.	

#3-X Approved and authorized all Commissioners to sign a Proclamation proclaiming March 26, 2003, as the local "March for Meals Day".

#3-Y **1)** Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Waste Disposal Account Agreement with Alternative Waste Services, Inc., establishing a monthly charge agreement for disposal fees up to \$2,625, **2)** accepted an additional cash deposit of \$625 and transferred the existing \$2,000 cash security to the monthly agreement, and **3)** terminated the monthly charge agreement with Alternative Waste Services, Inc., dated March 26, 2002.

#3-Z **1)** Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Waste Disposal Account Agreement with Waste Management of Central Florida, Inc., establishing a monthly charge agreement for disposal fees up to \$207,200, **2)** approved transfer of original Bond No. 8154-88-02 dated May 11, 1999, **3)** accepted the Rider to the Bond for Guarantee of Payment with Federal Insurance Company to increase the bond from \$200,000 to \$207,000, and **4)** terminated the monthly charge agreement with Waste Management of Central Florida, Inc., dated May 25, 1999.

#3-AA Authorized closing the Withlapopka Isles No. 1 Boat Ramp from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on March 15, 2003, for the annual Withlapopka Civic Association Blue Ribbon Festival.

#3-BB Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an Indemnity Agreement with Duane and Mariann Biddinger for the clearing of County rights-of-way known as South Coral Bells Avenue, West Palmetto Street, and a 25' alley adjacent to South Coral Bells Avenue.

#3-CC Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Militello & Militello, P.A., for legal representation of indigent criminal defendants in felony (non-death penalty cases) and juvenile cases (Chapter 985) at \$635 per case.

#3-DD→GG Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the following Youth Athletic Organization Agreements:

Organization	Place
Team Florida Baseball	Central Ridge District Park
Nature Coast THUNDER Baseball	Bicentennial Park
Central Citrus Little League Baseball	Central Ridge District Park
Crystal River Little League	Bicentennial Park

#3-HH Waived the \$118.80 fee for the use of Homosassa Area Recreation Park, Dazzy Vance Field, and Central Ridge District Park, Field No. 3 for the Seven Rivers Christian School boys baseball season to be held February through April 2003.

#3-II Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Comprehensive Customer Support Agreement with EGP, Inc., at \$780, and the Retail Order with EGP, Inc., at \$10,658 for the purchase of a Kyocera Mita 2530 photocopier for the Library Administrative Offices, and two Kyocera Mita 1810 Digital Imaging Systems for the Homosassa and Floral City Public Libraries.

#3-JJ 1) Declined the terrorism coverage through the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, which rendered void the terrorism exclusion in our current policy with United National Insurance Company, and 2) authorized the Chairman to sign the Reinstatement of the Terrorism Exclusion Clause in the current policy with United National Insurance Company, Policy No. CPA 10091, Excess Liability Coverage.

#3-KK 1) Declined the terrorism coverage through the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, which rendered void the terrorism exclusion in our current policy with Old Republic Insurance Company, and 2) authorized the Chairman to sign the reinstatement of the terrorism exclusion clause in the current policy with Old Republic Insurance Company, Policy No. ORPR 00185005, Airport Liability Coverage.

#3-LL 1) Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Grant Application Information Form for the Shirley Conroy Rural Area Capital Equipment Support Grant, effective July 1, 2003, and 2) adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a Resolution authorizing the contract for funding.

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#3-MM Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Application for Worker's Compensation Managed Care Arrangement with CorVel Corporation, and authorized payment of the \$1,000 application fee.

#3-NN Approved the donation of two modular work stations to Guardian Ad Litem through Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

#3-OO Approved the donation of 25 modular work stations to the Key Training Center through Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

#3-PP Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the Standard Form of Agreement with Architects Design Group, Inc., ADG Project No. 587-98/1.21, for

additional design fees required for redesign of the State's Attorney and Public Defender areas at \$11,510.

#3-QQ Set an attorney/client session of the Board on March 11, 2003, at 9:00 A.M. to discuss the McQuillin, et al. vs. Citrus County, Save the Homosassa River Alliance, et al. vs. Citrus County, Richards, et al. vs. Citrus County, and Bear Real Estate Investments, Inc. vs. Citrus County cases.

#3-RR Approved the following items for deletion from the County's fixed asset list:


Public Health Department		
Property ID	Description	Condition
10960	Unisys Computer	Obsolete, Replaced
12385	Xerox Fax	Not cost effective to repair
1614	IBM Selectric III typewriter	Not Repairable
8573	Hamilton Exam Table	Unsafe, replaced
10498A	US Robotics Modem	Obsolete
12378	Wesco Microscope	Not cost effective to repair
12375	Hamilton Exam Table	Unsafe, replaced
12376	Hamilton Exam Table	Unsafe, replaced
2075	GE Mobile Radio	Not cost effective to repair
14864	Earscan Audiometer	Not cost effective to repair
10494	Unisys Computer	Obsolete, replaced
10500A	Multi-Tech Mux	Obsolete
12736	Diplomat Convener	Not cost effective to repair
11876	Burdick EKG Machine	Not cost effective to repair
12845	Dell Computer	Obsolete, replaced
13100	Uptech Computer System	Obsolete, replaced
12675	Dell Computer	Obsolete, replaced
12948	Dell Computer	Obsolete, replaced
12677	Dell Computer	Obsolete, replaced
10553	Hitachi Fax	Not cost effective to repair
10759	HP Printer	Non-Repairable
10961	HP Printer	Not repairable
14906BI	IDE Dolly	Not cost effective to repair
12948	Dell Computer	Obsolete
12845	Dell Computer	Obsolete
12677	Dell Computer	Obsolete
16090	Dell Computer System	Not Repairable
Parks & Recreation / Chassahowitzka Campgrounds		
Property ID	Description	Condition
9938	Mita Copier - Model 1205	Not cost effective to repair
6018	IBM Selectric Typewriter	Not cost effective to repair

#3-SS Approved the following Bid Committee Report: 1) ITB No. 048-01, UD, laboratory services, renewed the current bid for laboratory services for schedules 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-11 with Advanced Environmental Laboratories, Inc., and schedules 3, 8, and 12 to S.A.C.


Environmental Laboratories, Inc., under the same terms and conditions stated in the bid documents; **2)** RFP No. 063-03, MOD, roof replacement, awarded to Schaper Roofing, Inc., at \$37,835 each for replacement of the roof at the Coastal Region Library and the Lakes Region Library; **3)** RFP No. 065-03, P&R, Fort Island Gulf Beach Fishing Pier, awarded to Schippers Marine Construction, Inc., at \$146,000; and **4)** Bid Waiver Request, MOD, waived bid procedures and allowed MOD to purchase two HVAC replacement units from Addison Products Company, a 5-ton unit at the Lakes Regional Library at \$5,519, and a 20-ton unit for the Coastal Regional Library at \$13,872. (I-31/1:03 P.M.)

#2- **PUBLIC HEARINGS - WORKSHOPS - PERSONS TO APPEAR**

#2-A **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

 Dave Conant thanked John Sullivan and Betty Strifler for the tour of the new Judicial Facility. He questioned why there were directional signs in the new facility for the County Commission offices and wondered when the decision was made to move the Commission offices to the Courthouse. He also questioned if there would be room in the new facility for the Board if another judge was assigned to the County. He supported the County's position in trying to recover the money spent on the grant for the Pro-Line Boats project. He suggested that any County expenses to remove the Bonner Lee vessel from Kings Bay be recovered from the owner by investigating and enforcing all available laws. He asked Commissioner Wooten to cease making comments to the media regarding other Commissioners because they had the right to their own opinions and should be able to express the concerns of their constituents. He also applauded Commissioner Wooten for his letter to the Boston Globe concerning the comments made by Dan Shaughnessy regarding Citrus County. (I-195/1:08 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting due to technical difficulties with the sound system and reconvened at 1:14 P.M.

 Fay Handy stated that he had asked a County Commissioner over a year ago for assistance with an ordinance that was passed, which caused him to lose his rights with his unrecorded plat.

Mr. Wesch stated that staff had worked with Mr. Handy during the last year on this situation. He explained that the County had established a program pursuant to an ordinance that was adopted in the early 80's, which established a timeline for unrecorded subdivisions to be filed with the County in order to be recognized as a valid unrecorded subdivision. He added that mailings were sent, newspaper ads were printed, and numerous public discussions had taken place. He advised that staff was unable to identify where Mr. Handy had timely filed his unrecorded subdivision, and Mr. Handy was advised of his rights to file a formal application which, if a negative response was received, could be appealed through the judicial system.

Gary Maidhof, Director of DDS, stated that any commendations given to Mr. Handy would need to be applied to several other owners of unrecorded subdivisions with the same issues.

The Chairman stated that when the letters went out in the mail and the newspaper articles were in the paper, Mr. Handy was in the hospital down south and did not receive the letters or see the newspaper. (I-570/1:25 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting due to technical difficulties with the sound system and reconvened at 1:39 P.M.

Mr. Handy stated that he thought the Board should make a decision on this issue, not the courts. He also requested that all of the evidence be made available to him for review and copying purposes.

The Chairman stated that the Board did not have the authority to decide if he was in compliance of an ordinance that was passed in the 80's, and the issue would need to be decided by a judge. (I-766/1:45 P.M.)

#2-B EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The following staff were recognized for their years of service to the County: **5 Years:** Lisa Lawson. **10 Years:** Walter Eastmond. **15 Years:** Judith L. Fischer. **30 Years:** William W. Nero. (I-850/1:48 P.M.)

#2-C DIRECTOR, SUPPORT SERVICES

Brad Thorpe, Director of Community Services, introduced Catherine Pearson, the new Director of Support Services.

Ms. Pearson stated that one of her division's goals was to make the public aware of all of the services available, make customer service number one, and to streamline their systems for efficiency. She invited the Board to the March 19, 2003, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Rock Crusher Canyon, and the March 26, 2003, March for Meals.

#2-D PROCLAMATION - "LIBRARY APPRECIATION MONTH"

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to sign a Proclamation declaring February 2003, as "Library Appreciation Month." (I-1032/1:53 P.M.)

#2-E PROCLAMATION - NATURE COAST ENVIROTHON

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to sign a Proclamation declaring February 26, 2003, as the Eighth Annual Nature Coast Envirothon. (I-1114/1:55 P.M.)

#6- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

#6-A VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FACILITY

Mr. Wesch stated that he had received a letter from Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite regarding the possible establishment and location of a Veterans Administration Facility in Citrus County. He added that on previous occasions, the Board

had expressed interest in attempting to site such a facility, and asked for the Board's reaffirmation of this important matter.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized staff to draft a resolution supporting a possible site for a regional Veterans Administration Facility in Citrus County.

(I-1156/1:56 P.M.)

#6-B **REFUNDING OF SERIES 1993 AND 1996 BONDS**

Mr. Wesch asked the Board to authorize staff to refinance existing County debt pertaining to the 1993 and 1996 Series Bonds. He added that through the refinancing effort, the citizens would save approximately \$300,000 in interest payments.

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized staff to move forward with refinancing the existing debt pertaining to the 1993 and 1996 Series Bonds, and authorized the Chairman and staff to execute the necessary refinancing documents.

(I-1212/1:58 P.M.)

#7- **COMMISSIONER JIM FOWLER, CHAIRMAN**

#7-A **CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2003 VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wooten, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board confirmed the appointments of Commissioners Gary Bartell, Roger Batchelor, and Vicki Phillips to serve as members of the 2003 Value Adjustment Board.

(I-1268)

#7-B **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

The Chairman announced terms of expiration for two positions on the Industrial Development Authority Board that would expire on March 31, 2003.

#7-C **CONSTRUCTION LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD**

Commissioner Fowler nominated Greg E. Conard for an Alternate Member position on the Construction Licensing and Appeals Board for a term that would expire on February 1, 2006.

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, and carried unanimously, the Board ceased nominations.

(I-1305/2:00 P.M.)

#7-D **CITRUS SPRINGS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Commissioner Phillips nominated Patricia F. Hipner to fill an unexpired term on the Citrus Springs Advisory Council that would expire on September 30, 2003.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, and carried unanimously, the Board ceased nominations.

#8- **COMMISSIONER GARY BARTELL, FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN**

#8-A **LIGHTNING WARNING EQUIPMENT**

Commissioner Bartell stated that a proposal from the representatives of the Crystal River Little League had been received to provide a Lightning Prediction System for Bicentennial Park. He added that this system would not only protect the people that participated in the sports, but also the people that enjoyed the other amenities there. He advised that the cost was \$5,455, which included installation. He mentioned that Central Ridge Little League had donated a similar system for the Central Ridge District Park and he believed it was the responsibility of the County to provide all of the facilities with similar systems to protect the citizens who used those parks.

Motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, to reimburse the Crystal River Little League for the purchase of a Lightning Prediction System at the Bicentennial Park Complex from Thor-Guard, Inc., at \$5,455, and authorize staff to proceed with the installation.

Commissioner Phillips supported the motion and stated that she would like to see a similar system in every facility; i.e., Holden Park and Homosassa Park. She added that she would like the County to work out an agreement with Central Citrus Little League, whereby \$5,000 of Central Ridge District Park Phase II could be waived in order to compensate them for the lightning system that they had installed.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Bartell to 1) reimburse the Crystal River Little League for the purchase of a Lightning Prediction System at the Bicentennial Park Complex from Thor-Guard, Inc., at \$5,455, and authorize staff to proceed with the installation, 2) waive \$5,000 of Central Ridge District Park Phase II in order to compensate Central Citrus Little League for the lightning system that they had installed, 3) approve the installation of similar systems in all existing parks, and 4) direct staff to include this type of system as part of the infrastructure for future parks.

Mr. Wesch addressed Commissioner Fowler's question by stating that the cost was low enough that the funds could be covered by the existing budget for installing a similar system in all of the existing parks. He added that he would urge the City of Inverness to place a similar system in the Whispering Pines Park and possibly enter into a cost sharing agreement with the City.

Commissioner Batchelor seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(I-1548/2:07 P.M.)

#2-F **SV-01-05, RANDALL L. AND DEBORAH L. FOTI**

Mr. Battista stated that the attorney for the applicant was currently in court proceedings and would not be able to be present for the 2:00 P.M. time certain. He asked the Board to delay the hearing until later in the meeting.

The Chairman agreed to the delay.

#9- **COMMISSIONER JOSH WOOTEN, SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

#9-A **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING**

Commissioner Wooten stated that the need for continued State support of community college funding was an integral component to maintaining a well-educated workforce. As a representative for the Economic Development Council, he requested that the Board support this important subject.

Motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution encouraging continued State funding of community colleges, and to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the appropriate State officials.

Commissioner Bartell stated that he agreed with the resolution; however, reminded the Board that similar issues would be coming forward, and funding would not be available for all of them.

The Chairman called a question on the motion. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION NO. 2003-040** (I-1712/2:11 P.M.)

#12- **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

#12-A **INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

Mr. Battista explained that the applicant had withdrawn his application for a right-of way use permit. (I-1742/ 2:12 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 2:27 P.M.

#2-G **SV-02-03, PHILLIP K. AND MARJORIE REGAN**

Cynthia L. Jones, Planner, Community Development Division (CDD), stated that this request petitioned by Phillip K. and Marjorie Regan was to vacate a portion of an unnamed alley lying between Lots 1 and 16, Block 5, Town of Holder. She added that the request was made to allow use of the alleyway and Lot 16 for the business located on Lots 1 through 3. She advised that a utility easement had been prepared per Florida Power's request and that no other objections or concerns had been received. She also stated that the Plat Review Team discussed the subject vacation on October 16, 2002, and had no objections, and that the Planning Development and Review Board (PDRB) recommended approval with a 6-0 vote.

The Chairman opened the public hearing and asked for anyone to speak in favor.

Mr. and Mrs. Regan spoke in favor and stated that the vacate was requested to join two pieces of property together for future growth.

The Chairman then asked for anyone opposed. With no further public comment, the Chairman closed the public portion of the public hearing.

Upon motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a resolution approving Street Vacation SV-02-03, as petitioned by Phillip K. and Marjorie Regan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-041 (I-1891/2:31 P.M.)

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, held in the County Commissioners' Board Room on the third floor of the Masonic Building located at 111 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida, at 2:20 P.M. on the 25th day of February, 2003, Commissioner Batchelor introduced and moved for the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 – 041

WHEREAS, a Petition was presented to the Board of County Commissioners by Phillip K. and Marjorie Regan, who purport to be the owners of land lying between Lots 1 and 16, Block 5, within the Town of Holder; and

WHEREAS, said Petition requested the Board to close, vacate, abandon and discontinue a portion of an unnamed alley lying between Lots 1 and 16, Block 5, Town of Holder (a/k/a Hartshorn Anita), as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 26, public records of Citrus County, Florida (Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 19 East), more fully described in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto, and made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a Resolution calling for a public hearing to determine the advisability of closing, vacating, abandoning and discontinuing the same, to be held in the County Commissioners' Board Room, on the third floor of the Masonic Building, 111 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida, at 2:20 P.M. on the 25th day of February, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Notice of such hearing was published in accordance with the law at the expense of the Department of Development Services; and

WHEREAS, a hearing has been held in accordance with such Resolution, Notice, and the law pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that a portion of the unnamed alley, as previously described herein, should be closed, vacated, discontinued and abandoned, and any right of Citrus County and the public in and to any lands delineated on said recorded plat, as said portion of the street and alleyway should be renounced and disclaimed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, as follows:

1. That a portion of an unnamed alley lying between Lots 1 and 16, Block 5, Town of Holder (a/k/a Hartshorn Anita), as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 26, public records of Citrus County, Florida (Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 19 East), more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, be and the same are hereby closed, vacated, abandoned and discontinued, and any right of Citrus County or the public in and to the same, or in and to the lands delineated on said recorded plat of the same, is hereby renounced and disclaimed.

2. That this Resolution shall be spread upon the Board's Minutes of this meeting.

3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be signed by the Chairman of this Board, attested by the Clerk of this Board, and the seal of this Board shall be affixed thereto, and the same furnished to Petitioner to be recorded in the public records of Citrus County, Florida.

4. That notice of the adoption of this Resolution shall be published in a weekly newspaper authorized by law to publish legal notices in Citrus County, Florida, within thirty (30) days from this date at the expense of the Citrus County Department of Development Services.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Wooten and carried for adoption by the Board on the 25th day of February 2003.

ATTEST:

/s/ Betty Strifler

BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ Jim Fowler

JIM FOWLER, CHAIRMAN

EXHIBIT "A"

THAT PORTION OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY LYING BETWEEN LOT 1 AND LOT 16, BLOCK 5, HARTSHORN (FORMERLY ANITA), AKA TOWN OF HOLDER, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 26, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 41.

#13- ANY OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS - ACCEPTED BY MOTION ONLY

#13-A BONNER LEE VESSEL REMOVAL

Commissioner Batchelor stated that the County had been awarded a grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) for the removal of the Bonner Lee, a 110' boat, which had sunk in Kings Bay. He added that the grant had no provision for disposal costs, and recommended waiving any fees involved in disposing of this vessel.

Motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to waive the tipping fees at the Citrus County Landfill or pay the fees required to place the Bonner Lee vessel in a construction and demolition (C & D) facility.

Discussion followed in regard to authorizing staff to do whatever it took to dispose of the Bonner Lee, tipping fees being waived all of the time for other purposes, this being a safety and health issue, and authorizing staff to try to recoup costs from the owner of the vessel in the future.

The Chairman called a question on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#13-B SUNCOAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR

Commissioner Bartell expressed concern with Suncoast Parkway's latest map expanding the corridor into the Sugarmill Woods community. He added that this latest possibility had adversely affected the sales in that subdivision and that he could not believe it was feasible to place the parkway through that subdivision. He requested that the Board send a message to the people in charge of the Suncoast Parkway (Florida's Turnpike Enterprise) stating that the Board was not in support of this option and that it was not a viable solution.

Commissioner Batchelor recommended writing a letter to the Suncoast Parkway 2 Citizen's Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) stating that the Advisory Committee needed to look at the preferred corridor to the east side of the power lines, which would eliminate the problems with the Sugarmill Woods subdivision. He advised that the preferred corridor would encroach on some conservation lands; however, the Board had

supported the purchase of those lands as long as that purchase did not interfere with the extension of the parkway.

Commissioner Wooten supported sending a letter in order for the Board to go on record with the Board's position on the corridor and to eliminate any public fears concerning the corridor going through that subdivision.

Commissioner Phillips stated that Sugarmill Woods was not the only subdivision affected by this corridor, and that several other subdivisions would suffer the same consequences that Commissioner Bartell alluded to.

Mr. Maidhof replied to Commissioner Phillips' question by stating that there was a three-year study and the decision on a preferred corridor, assuming that they went with a build option, would be at the end of 2004. He added that there was an established agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services about the Annutteliga Hammock, and suggested reaffirming the Board's support of that provision. He advised that reaffirming that provision would avoid the whole residential and conservation issues and would recognize an agreement that had already been executed by appropriate state governments. He stated that if this were acceptable to the Board he would convey that support at the Environmental Resource and Regulatory Agency Group meeting, as well as the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Discussion continued regarding the importance of the Board going on record supporting the Suncoast Parkway extension and opposing the proposed corridor through Sugarmill Woods, eliminating misunderstandings in the future by stating the Board's position, avoiding inhabited areas whenever possible, etc.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the Chairman to send a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise regarding the Board's continuing support of the Suncoast Parkway extension; however, strongly opposing the corridor going through the inhabited area of Sugarmill Woods. (1-2458/2:44 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 2:57 P.M.
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#2-F ***SV-01-05, RANDALL L. AND DEBORAH L. FOTI***

Mr. Battista advised the Board that the attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Foti was present and would be willing to stay until the end of the meeting today or the hearing could be adjourned until the next meeting at a time certain.

The Chairman adjourned the public hearing for SV-01-05, Randall L. and Deborah L. Foti, until March 11, 2003, at 3:30 P.M., in the Masonic Building, 3rd Floor, 111 West Main Street, Inverness.

#2-H **PRESENTATION BY GOLD & ASSOCIATES, MARKETING, DESIGN & COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**

Commissioner Wooten introduced several members of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) who were in the audience. He advised that after a thorough Request For Proposal (RFP), the TDC had contracted with Gold & Associates for its advertising and public relations services.

(Clerk's note: there was no audio taping during the following presentation.)

Keith Gold of Gold & Associates gave a slide presentation (filed with the Clerk's agenda) on a marketing program that would further develop the County's tourism industry. The presentation consisted of the following topics:

- ☛ Our Assignment from the TDC
- ☛ Marketing Communications Plan and Creative Strategies
- ☛ Tools and Tactics

The Commissioners thanked Gold & Associates for their presentation.

(I-2716/3:25 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 3:36 P.M.

#2-I **OA 01-03, DDS - TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS**

Glenn Bailey, Environmental Planner, CDD, gave a Power Point presentation entitled "Standards for Tree Preservation and Canopy/Tree-lined Scenic Road Protection" (filed with the Clerk's agenda) regarding the following application:

Applicant Name/Number:	OA-01-03, DDS, Tree Protection Standards
Proposed Project:	Amend Ordinance No. 90-14, LDC, by providing for revisions to the tree preservation and protection standards, including mitigation, reforestation, exemptions, tree preservation site plan requirements, application requirements, a Citrus County tree guide, canopy and tree lined scenic road protection; and by providing for codification, severability, and effective date.
Staff/PDRB Recommendation:	Approval
Public Hearing Workshop:	March 25, 2003

The topics in the Power Point presentation were as follows:

Why a Tree Ordinance is needed in Citrus County	Benefits of Tree Preservation
Problems with the Existing Tree Ordinance	Direction for a New Ordinance
Proposed Ordinance Purpose and Intent	Proposed Ordinance Goals
Brief History of Proposed Ordinance	PDRB Viewpoints
Main Areas of Proposed Changes	Regulated Trees Defined
Tree Removal Defined	Tree Removal Standards
Special Circumstances for Tree Removal	Additional Provisions

Effects of the Increase in the Minimum Size of Regulated Trees	Minimum Number of Protected Trees
Exemptions (No Permit Required)	Standards for Residential Property
Residential Tree Preservation Plan	Non Residential Development Standards
Specimen Trees	Non Residential Tree Preservation Plan
Subdivision Development Standards	Subdivision Preservation Plan
Tree Protection Standards During Land Clearing and Construction	Tree Replacement Requirements
Tree Replacement Standards	Mitigating Tree Loss
In-Kind Reforestation	Mitigation on Residential Property
Canopy and Tree-lined Scenic Road Protection	Additional Mitigation Circumstances
Wetland and Surface Water Protection	Red-cockaded Woodpeckers
Tree Guide	Synopsis of Main Changes

Mr. Maidhof responded to Commissioner Bartell's question by stating that if the ordinance amendment were adopted as proposed with no small lot exemptions and incorporating residential properties, additional staff would be required to enforce code regulations. He remarked that the current ordinance was not being enforced fully as written due to its vagueness. He added that additional staff for code enforcement had already been proposed and submitted for the upcoming budget year.

Chuck Dixon, Director, CDD, advised that the current ordinance did not give proper incentives to follow due to the tree preservation plan being more costly than the penalty for non-compliance. He stated that a technician was needed to review the tree preservation plans and to provide compliance education to contractors, applicants, and the public.

Mr. Dixon explained to the Chairman that the biggest issue in regard to the non-enforcement in the current ordinance was the removal of trees from large pieces of property. He stated that many times staff had no knowledge of what was on the property, before the violation occurred; therefore, could not fully address the issues. He added that the proposed ordinance would provide a disincentive for that problem. He advised that the current penalty fee for the violation was \$60.

Mr. Maidhof added that violations occurred between 5 to 10 times per year on the larger properties, and between 75 to 100 on residential lots, although many cases were not reported. He further stated that due to the current ordinance having an exemption for single family residential properties, once the owner obtained a building permit the violation was resolved.

Discussion ensued regarding confirmation of insufficient tree credits or no trees on the property, the County not having authority over licensed site-clearing contractors, procedures for removing dead and diseased canopy limbs and trees, preserving and protecting specimen trees, the mitigation component of the proposed ordinance, problems with including small lots in the proposed ordinance, duplication of what was already in place for commercial properties, the proposed ordinance promoting and encouraging retention of existing trees, clear-cutting and replacing with new trees, which would take years to grow back, etc.

Commissioner Wooten stated that he could support the protection of specimen and canopy trees, and the avoidance of clear cutting for development; however, expressed concerns with the government stating where trees could be planted on someone's property.

Mr. Maidhof responded to Commissioner Batchelor's questions by explaining that there was no incentive to encourage compliance under the current ordinance, and that it was difficult from a staffing and implementation standpoint to regulate residential properties under the existing ordinance. He stated that the proposed ordinance was developed as a better way of accomplishing the same purpose, to increase the minimum size of trees regulated by the County from two inches diameter at breast height (dbh), to 4" dbh, and to provide tools for residential applicants to go through the process easily. He added that a survey would not be required, the creation of an incentive would prohibit violation of the ordinance, funding would go into enhancing trees elsewhere in the County, etc. He explained that additional staffing would not be required if the Board decided to exclude residential properties in the proposed tree preservation plan.

Lengthy discussion followed pertaining to infringement of property owner's rights, flexibility of exempting small lots from the proposed ordinance, exemption of specimen trees on residential lots, no permit required for the removal of trees on existing residential lots, the current ordinance being dysfunctional, needing more of a reason or purpose for more regulations, development resulting in loss of mature tree canopies within existing residential subdivisions, the standards and hazards of scrub oaks, etc.

Mr. Maidhof responded to Commissioner Phillips' comments by stating that the original ordinance had been amended several times since its adoption; however, the intent was basically to prohibit landowners from clear-cutting non-residential properties. He added that most non-residential developments were in full compliance, that the intent was to simplify matters, to raise the bar on the definition of a tree, and based on public input and the PDRB recommendation, to explore the possibility of expanding tree preservation into residential developments.

Commissioner Phillips requested that staff prepare a statement to the Board regarding the recommended changes made to the current ordinance.

Commissioner Wooten stated that he was convinced that some reforms were needed to protect the trees, and asked staff to also consider and prepare a statement of the most severe violations and problems. He stated that other code enforcement issues needed attention as well as the tree ordinance, and he would support an additional employee.

Mr. Maidhof replied that staff believed an additional code enforcement support staff member (technician) would relieve the field inspectors of research and paper work, which would benefit all code enforcement issues. He reiterated that the position had already been submitted in this year's budget.

Mr. Dixon added that if the proposed tree ordinance were adopted with an exemption of the residential component, it would be an enforceable ordinance, and that the current ordinance would be impossible to enforce regardless of the amount of field inspectors.

The Chairman tabled the discussion until after the presentation of a Proclamation to Eagle Scout Korey Shad Hite. (II-1767/4:41 P.M.)

Commissioner Wooten left the meeting.

#2-K **PROCLAMATION - EAGLE SCOUT KOREY SHAD HITE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to sign a Proclamation recognizing Eagle Scout Korey Shad Hite, Troop #452. (II-1808 /4:44 P.M.)

#2-I **OA 01-03, DDS - TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS CONTINUED**

The Chairman opened the public workshop for public comment, and asked for anyone to speak in favor.

Walter Wynn spoke in favor of a tree ordinance that would include residential properties due to clear-cutting, one that was understandable and enforceable with consequences that would encourage compliance. He agreed that the problem of small lots should be addressed. He added that it was appropriate to follow the TDC in beautifying the County, and he distributed a booklet and a brochure entitled Keep Nature in the Nature Coast (filed with the Clerk's agenda).

Commissioner Wooten returned to the meeting.

The Chairman then asked for anyone to speak in opposition.

Greg Conard, President of the Citrus County Builders Association (CCBA), stated that the tree ordinance did need to be revised, and that it should be enforceable; however, he wanted to be sure that the current LDC was followed, and that all questions had been answered. He was concerned about the size of residential lots, and that the cost aspects had not been addressed. He stated that the removal of trees was an expensive project, and that the majority of the developers in the County complied with regulations and abided by the wishes of their customers. He suggested that the issue be continued until more information was collected, in order that a wise decision could be made.

He responded to Commissioner Bartell's question by stating that he thought the residential tree ordinance should be for two acres or larger. He also stated that Citrus County had a lot of beautiful, well-preserved acreage, and that the CCBA wanted to work with the County to make sure this issue was researched thoroughly.

He affirmed for the Chairman that it was very important that more meetings and consultations took place before making a decision.

Mr. Maidhof stated that based on feedback from the public and the Board, staff would convert the public hearing scheduled for March 25 to a public workshop in order to address the concerns expressed, and present a draft ordinance for final adoption in April. He added that staff would analyze the letters from the CCBA and Clark Stillwell (included in the backup materials), and prepare a response to them and the Board before the workshop.

At Commissioner Phillips' request, Mr. Maidhof stated that staff would also include the costs of enforcement if residential properties were left in the new ordinance.

Ronald Lieberman, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC), referred to a letter sent by AHAC requesting 1/2 acre exemption from the proposed tree protection standards for housing (included in the backup materials). He read the County's Housing Incentive Strategy 5 into the record (included in the backup materials) regarding impacts on the cost of housing. He stated that affordable housing would be affected significantly by any additional cost, and requested that the Board consider a solution to eliminate the costs to those people who could not afford it.

Mr. Maidhof pointed out that an exemption criterion, which addressed small lots, would take care of the bulk of first time homebuyers or low-income housing. He suggested another approach would be to make the housing projects eligible for the tree enhancement program. He added that funds raised from tree preservation costs could be used to plant trees or offer trees to first time-qualified homebuyers.

F. Gaston Hall spoke in regard to the small commercial tracts, two acres and under, for small businesses, and the concern of unequal treatment of residential and commercial lots.

With no further public comment, the Chairman closed the public workshop.

Mr. Maidhof read the Synopsis of the Main Changes on page three of the staff report for clarification and direction of items to be addressed at the March 25 public workshop at 2:10 P.M.

The items to be addressed were as follows:

- Tree preservation standards for residential development - generate cost numbers,
- Tree preservation standards for nonresidential development - staff to create a chart with numbers of trees per square feet of property,
- Non-permitted tree removal on developed nonresidential property - mitigation required, either by tree-for-tree reforestation or in-kind payment, and
- Non-permitted tree removal on Vacant Land - mitigation required, either by reforestation or in-kind payment.

(II-2835/5:05 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 5:20 P.M.
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#2-J PRESENTATION - FIRE SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN

John Best with Emergency Services Education and Consulting Group, Inc., outlined the Emergency Services Customer Centered Strategic Plan (Plan) for the Fire Services Division, which was developed as a result of focus group meetings held in December 2002, with both citizens and other County staff members. He presented a Power Point presentation (filed with the Clerk's agenda).

(Clerk's note: there was no audio taping during the following presentation.)

Charles Poliseno, Director of Public Safety, stated that staff was directed to look at the five essential areas within the Fire Services: staffing and response time, station locations, equipment, water supply, and funding. He reviewed the following staff recommendations that would be made for each goal and objective, if the Plan were approved:

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Staffing and response time	FY 03/04 six personnel to be added, which included a Deputy Chief of Operations, Deputy Chief of Administration, Support Services Chief, a Volunteer Coordinator, and secretary staff. Reorganizing the Department of Public Safety would follow by transferring Hazardous Material and Fire Prevention into the Fire Services Division. Continue to use the volunteers for in station standby in order to reduce response times to 7-minute urban and 12-minute rural. FY 04/05 re-evaluate the need for four station captains to be located in the four quadrants of the County. FY 05/06 possibly add field personnel in urban stations.
Station locations	FY 03/04 upgrade existing fire stations. FY 04/05 begin the relocation of existing stations or adding stations.
Equipment	Improve the In Station Maintenance Program and the overall maintenance of the equipment. Re-evaluate the location of equipment and develop a better back-up fleet of fire engines.
Water supply	Developing a master plan for fire fighting water supply. Continue the current practice of adding 25 - 55 fire hydrants per year on the County system.
Funding	Evaluate whether to switch from the current special taxing district or go to Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) or Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU).

He stated that since the draft Report of Findings was completed, staff had accomplished the following; staffed the fire stations with existing volunteers, developing the Water Services Master Plan, combined the Ozello and Connell Heights Fire Districts for efficiency, reassessed the vehicle plan, establishing a backup fleet, etc. He added that the planning process would need to be reviewed annually in order to evaluate growth patterns, response times, staffing, etc. He asked the Board to adopt the Plan as a framework for the Fire Services Division for the next ten years.

Mr. Poliseno responded to Commissioner Phillips' question by stating that if the County had 100% career personnel waiting for an emergency call at the current station locations, the 7-minute urban 12-minute rural response time could not be met. He added that 30 fire stations would be needed in the future and currently there were 22 fire stations. He also stated that the overall average response time, before the implementation of station standby, was 10½ minutes with 90% of the time taking 17 minutes.

Mr. Wesch stated that various funding options would be discussed during the current year's budget process. He also stated that he could not promise; however, it would be staff's desire to use existing budget resources for the requested positions for FY 03/04. He added that funding strategies would be brought forward during the CIP and the budgetary process.

Commissioner Phillips stated that ten years was too long to wait to get the response time down to where it should be. She requested that staff move forward with improving the response time and doing what was needed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. She commented on the recent Beverly Hills fire where a woman perished.

Commissioner Wooten expressed concern with the need for public support, and the costs that would be involved with needing 30 fire stations. He requested that staff advise the Board during the budget process, what the impact fees could be used for, the amount of money being collected through impact fees, etc. He stated that impact fees could help with this portion of the Plan. He requested that staff look at every possible source of funding in order to implement this Plan.

Commissioner Bartell stated that there were some grants available for start up costs, which staff should research. He added that new stations would require more equipment and personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to approve the Strategic Plan as framework for the Fire Services Division to follow for the next ten years in planning for the future needs of our growing community.

Mr. Poliseno responded to Commissioner Phillips' question by stating that there were 225 volunteers in October and currently there were approximately 230. He added that the Volunteer Coordinator position would be very important in increasing those numbers.

The Chairman called a question on the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (III-397/6:01 P.M.)

#13-B **SUNCOAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR CONTINUED**

Commissioner Batchelor requested that all potential subdivisions that might be affected by the Suncoast Parkway extension; e.g., Crystal Oaks, Pine Ridge, be included in the letter to the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise.

Amended motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the Chairman to send a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise regarding the Board's continuing support of the Suncoast Parkway extension; however, strongly opposing the corridor going through ~~the inhabited area of Sugarmill Woods~~ any heavily developed communities; specifically, Sugarmill Woods, Crystal Oaks, and Pine Ridge. (III-553)

(Clerk's note: letter to Carl Gibilaro, Project Manager, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, dated March 3, 2003, filed with the Clerk's agenda.)

#14- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

#14-A **FIRE SERVICES AND TDC PRESENTATION**

Mr. Conant stated that he was glad the Board approved the strategic plan for Fire Services; however, concurred with Commissioner Phillips regarding ten years being too long. He also commended Commissioner Wooten, as Chairman of the TDC, for the excellent presentation by Gold and Associates.

#14-B **FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TIME**

Ed Slezak stated that the response time was based on the time the call was made until the Fire Department arrived on the scene. He added that sometimes the Fire Department does not receive the call until after a fire had been burning for several minutes, which was the case in the recent Beverly Hills home fire.

Mr. Polisenio advised the Chairman that the State Fire Marshall's Office was investigating the Beverly Hills home fire to determine the cause; however a report had not been received. He also stated that there was an indigent program available to distribute smoke detectors and that education programs were available. (III-743/6:10 P.M.)

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. (III-762/6:11 P.M.)

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Chairman