

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:** Commissioners Jim Fowler, Chairman; Gary Bartell, First Vice-Chairman; Vicki Phillips, Second Vice Chairman; Josh Wooten and Roger Batchelor

**Attorney:** Robert B. Battista

**Administrator:** Richard Wm. Wesch

**Clerks:** Betty Strifler, Clerk; and Theresa Steelfox, Deputy Clerk

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

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

Mike Colbert, Chairman of the Beverly Hills Community Council, expressed concerns regarding the decision to not have the referendum on the November ballot to address where the Board should meet. He wanted the Board meetings to be in Lecanto for the convenience of the citizens and staff, savings, etc. He suggested the issue be revisited and move the meetings to Lecanto.

Dick Schnably, President of Beverly Hills Civic Association, stated that he was also concerned about the referendum decision. He added that the Board should examine the facts involved with having meetings in Inverness versus Lecanto; i.e., remodeling costs, security costs, the costs involved with staff coming to Inverness from Lecanto for meetings. He suggested the Board review the facts again and let the people vote on the referendum.

Warren Auer, Veteran Service Officer for VFW Post 7991 and American Legion Post 58, addressed the Veteran Administration (VA) Health Care System and the need for additional doctors, equipment, etc., in the VA Outpatient Clinic in Inverness. He distributed additional information (filed with the Clerk's agenda).

Jim MacIntosh, representing the Citrus County Council (CCC), expressed disappointment with the referendum decision and requested the vote be reversed. He added that the CCC was supportive of Charter Government and that the referendum decision would help that issue.

Richard Ray discussed a zoning problem in the residential area where he resides, whereas a commercial business was now operating. He expressed his concern with the decisions of Code Enforcement, and the paint, dust, noise, etc. caused by this business.

<p><b>Directive:</b> Staff to discuss the situation with Mr. Ray and answer any questions he might have.</p>
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(1-838/1:28 P.M.)

Sonny Groves, representing Arrowhead Subdivision, wanted the Board to proceed with the Private Road Paving Program (PRMP) before the rainy season and more deterioration occurred. He also discussed the need for street signs in Arrowhead for safety reasons. He added that the Public Works Department had completed a cost analysis of \$1,445.92 for the Arrowhead street signs and he felt that the County should pay for the signs for the safety of the Arrowhead citizens. (I-923/1:30 P.M.)

#2-B EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The following staff were recognized for their years of service to the County: 5 YEARS: Stephen J. Konya, Jr. and John D. Sullivan. (I-980/1:32 P.M.)

3- CONSENT AGENDA

*Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, and carried unanimously, the Board pulled Item #3-R (Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan), and Item #3-UU (Bid Committee Report), and approved the balance of the Consent Agenda as follows:*

#3-A Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2002 and the special meeting (Goal Setting Workshop) held on February 15, 2002.

#3-B Approved the following warrants: Payroll registers dated 03/05/02 at \$410,582.53 and dated 03/07/02 at \$30,633.76. Accounts Payable register dated 03/11/02 at \$4,104,644.01.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-045

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 2001/2002

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

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested to use the funds collected for an ad in the Crystal River High School newspaper displaying an anti-drug message; 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 2001/2002; 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

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ATTEST:  
/s/ Betty Strifler  
BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
/s/ Jim Fowler  
JIM FOWLER, CHAIRMAN

<b>EXHIBIT "A"</b>			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>		Contraband and Forfeiture	400
<u>Expenditures</u>		Operating Expenditures	400

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-046

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office is authorized by Florida Statutes to establish special revenue funds; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office has established the following special revenue funds: Emergency Management Assistance Trust Fund and Florida Department of Transportation D.U.I. Grant; and

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<b>EXHIBIT "A"</b>			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND			
<u>Revenues</u>		State Grant	4,062
<u>Expenditures</u>		Operating Expenditures	4,062
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION D.U.I. GRANT			
<u>Revenues</u>		Federal Grant	13,900
<u>Expenditures</u>		Capital Outlay	13,900

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-047

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE WATERFRONTS FLORIDA GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2001 the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed an agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, Florida Coastal Management Program; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2002 the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, Florida Coastal Management Program executed the agreement providing funds for the Old Homosassa Walk to the River project; 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 2001/2002; and

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<b>EXHIBIT "A"</b>			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>	011-334-790	Other State Grants	25,000
	011-389-910	In Kind	5,000
		Total Revenues	\$30,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	011-5758-51604	Staff – In Kind	5,000
	011-5758-53400	Other Contractual Services	6,500
	011-5758-56300	Improvements other than Buildings	4,000
	011-5758-56400	Machinery and Equipment	14,500
		Total Expenditures	\$30,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-048

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING/AMENDING THE COMMUNITY PARK 2 IMPACT FEES AND PARK IMPACT FEES/DISTRICT 2 BUDGETS FOR FY 2001/2002

WHEREAS, the debt service payments for the Beverly Hills Park were budgeted in the Park Impact Fees/District 2 fund for the fiscal year 2002; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Community Park 2 Impact Fees fund to service the debt; 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 2001/2002; and

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<b>EXHIBIT "A"</b>			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>		Cash Carry Forward	26,000
		Total Revenues	\$26,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	627-2821-57100	Debt Service – Principal	17,600
	627-2821-57200	Debt Service – Interest	8,400
		Total Expenditures	\$26,000
<u>Revenues</u>	637-363-272	Park Impact Fees	(27,368)
	637-247-000	5% Reserve	1,368
		Total Revenues	\$(26,000)
<u>Expenditures</u>	637-2837-57100	Debt Service – Principal	(17,600)
	637-2837-57200	Debt Service – Interest	(8,400)
		Total Expenditures	\$(26,000)

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-049

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2002 Citrus County Housing Services requested an increase in the amount received for rental vouchers due to an increase in the fair market value of rents; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2002 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved the request; 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 2001/2002; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>	166C-331-573	HUD Rental Assistance	51,471
		Total Revenues	\$51,471
<u>Expenditures</u>	166C-5366C-51200	Regular Salaries and Wages	3,600
	166C-5366C-52100	FICA Taxes	276
	166C-5366C-52200	Retirement Contributions	263
	166C-5366C-52300	Life and Health Insurance	500
	166C-5366C-52400	Workers Compensation	26
	166C-5366C-53200	Accounting and Auditing	95
	166C-5366C-54160	Postage	100
	166C-5366C-54918	Housing Assistance Payments	46,511
	166C-5366C-55100	Office Supplies	100
		Total Expenditures	\$51,471

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-050

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE HAZ MAT GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001 the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed an agreement with the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2001 the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs executed the agreement providing funds for hazards analysis; 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 2001/2002; and

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<b>EXHIBIT "A"</b>			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>	034B-334-240	Haz Mat Grant	4,479
		Cash Carry Forward	5
		Total Revenues	\$4,484

<u>Expenditures</u>	034B-5735B-55100	Office Supplies	789
	034B-5735B-55201	Tools, Implements & Special Clothing	797
	034B-5735B-55270	Computer Accessories	310
	034B-5735B-55417	Training	420
	034B-5735B-56400	Machinery and Equipment	2,168
		Total Expenditures	\$4,484

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-051

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office is purchasing a C.A.D. system; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price will be funded with debt proceeds; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>	001-384-000	Debt Proceeds	750,000
<u>Expenditures</u>	001-3101-56000	Capital Outlay	750,000

#3-D Approved the following budget transfers: **P&R:** \$31,000 from 001-2140-56200 to #56300. **MOD:** \$230 from #001-2670-53400 to #55275. **FSD:** \$1,500 from #154-3200-51306 to #55210, and \$1,175 from #-051-3225-56200 to #54604. **DPS:** \$184,115 from #001-3340-56450 to #58207. **SWM:** \$1,850 from #401-5218-54402 and \$1,850 from #56300 to #56400. **CSD:** \$500 from #001-5225-52300 to #55100. **SSD:** \$18 from #016-5754-52200, \$34 from #52400, \$46 from #54000, \$114 from #54005, \$453 from #55107, and \$7 from #55221, with \$9 to #52300, and \$663 to #55100. **CSMSBU:** \$8,000 from #730-8200-56549 to #53100.

#3-E Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Satisfactions of Judgment for Terry Lee Lawrence, Case No. 1998-2909-MM; Shayne Adore Locklear, Case No. 2001-2648-MM;

Glenn A. Waas, Case No. 1998-3039-I; Lisa D. Callahan, Case No. 1998-262-I, No. 1998-263-I, and 1998-1099-I; and Dennis Candrilli, Case No. 1998-2150-TC.

#3-F Acknowledged receipt of the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Victim Services and Criminal Justice Programs Annual Report for 2000-2001.

#3-G Acknowledged receipt of the Citrus County Hospital Board, Citrus Memorial Hospital, Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report, September 30, 2001.

#3-H Appointed Synthia D. Rainess to fill a Consumer Member position on the Construction Licensing and Appeals Board for a term that would expire on February 1, 2003.

#3-I Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Lease with the Nature Coast Emergency Medical Foundation, Inc., for use of the Inverness Fire Station.

#3-J Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Work Authorization No. 2002-07, with C & D Engineering, Inc., for engineering design services for the Chassahowitzka Area Water Distribution System Project – Phase 1, with a total not-to-exceed \$28,000.

#3-K Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Work Authorization No. 2002-06, with C & D Engineering, Inc., for engineering design services for the Homosassa Area Wastewater Collection System – Phase 4 (Chassahowitzka) Project, with a total not-to-exceed \$223,000.

#3-L Approved Administrative Regulation (AR) revision to AR No. 13.13-1, Subordination of Recapture Agreements, to establish a policy regarding subordination agreements when a current mortgage holder desires to refinance and shorten the term of their mortgage loan.

#3-M Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement, FPN No. 40304619401, Contract No. AL458, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for an aviation easement/land purchase for safety requirements at the Inverness Airport at \$50,000.

#3-N Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Suncom Network Services Agreement with the State of Florida, State Technology Office in order to link the County programs with the Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Elder Affairs.

#3-O Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Janitorial Services Contract For Senior Centers with Clean Sweep, under Bid No. 037-02, for the four senior/community centers from April 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002, at \$1,983.85 per month.

#3-P Approved establishing an additional cash bag change fund for the Landfill Scalehouse Facility at \$200, with the custodian, John Wolfertz.

#3-Q Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Satisfaction of Lien for Citation No. 0434, against Frank J. Whitty at \$500.



#3-S Authorized the Clerk to release the Improvement Agreement for Woodside Unit 1, and place the facilities on private perpetual maintenance as the project meets the requirements of the Land Development Code pursuant to the Department of Public Works.

#3-T Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Monthly Service Contract on Chlorinating Systems with Culligan for the East Citrus Community Center at \$45 per month.

#3-U Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract addendum with Sprint for the installation of the new T-1 line to accommodate the phone system upgrade for Solid Waste Management at \$1,620 for installation and \$184.10 per month for service.

#3-V **1)** Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Release of Easement on the existing 15 foot easement on Lot 63, Indian Waters Unit 3A, located on Calusa Street, and authorized the Clerk to record in the public records; and **2)** accepted a Permanent Drainage Easement signed by Larry E. and Lydia S. Sprague, to correct a perpetual drainage problem on Calusa Street, Lot 63, Indian Waters Unit 3A, and authorized the Clerk to place the acceptance stamp upon same and record in the public records.

#3-W Set a public workshop and a public hearing for consideration of the 2002 Small Scale Cycle #3 Amendments to the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM) and Land Development Code Atlas as follows:

DATE AND TIME	LOCATION	APPLICATION
<u>Adoption Workshop:</u> June 11, 2002 at 2:10 P.M.	Commission Room, Masonic Building, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, 111 West Main Street, Inverness	CPA/AA-02-17(Stillwell for Podkowa) CPA/AA-02-19 (44 East Investments) CPA/AA-02-20 (Shelton)
<u>Adoption Hearing:</u> July 09, 2002 at 2:00 P.M.		

#3-X Accepted a Security Bond Continuation Certificate for Bond No. 6057634, securing monthly disposal fees at the Central Landfill for Republic Services of Florida, LP, Inc., d/b/a Seaside Sanitation through March 20, 2003.

#3-Y Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Modification of Agreement with Advance Environmental Laboratories, Inc., revising sampling and analytical parameters and associated costs for the Central Landfill's groundwater and leachate monitoring programs.

#3-Z Approved and authorized the use of the Historic Courthouse steps for the Spring Break Blitz on March 25, 2002 from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., and allowed access to the electrical outlets for the sound system.

#3-AA Approved the following wire transfers: **CIS:** dated 02/01/02 at \$12,675.07, dated 02/14/02 at \$15,610.98, and dated 02/28/02 at \$12,680.35. **PGCS:** dated 02/01/02 at \$4,521.06, dated 02/05/02 at \$3,756.30, dated 02/15/02 at \$3,687.48, and dated 02/22/02 at \$14,457.29. **USPS:** dated 02/11/02 at \$13,000. **Bank of America:** dated 02/15/02 at \$16,378.51.

#3-BB Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Form 8038-GC, Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases, and Installment Sales.

#3-CC Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Labor Contract with the Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers, Local Union No. 79, effective March 12, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

#3-DD Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Release of Code Enforcement Lien, Case No. CEB-99-069, filed against Ophelia A. Stokley Estate/Attn: Edna R. Passman, at \$2,310.

#3-EE Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a grant commitment letter to Florida Low Income Housing Associates, Inc., under the Citrus County Rental Development Strategy, funded by the SHIP Program at \$75,000. This commitment was subject to final award of all other related funds by April 2003 that were needed to successfully complete the Magnolia Village Development on a timely basis.

#3-FF Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a grant commitment letter to Creative Choice Homes XXVIII, LTD, under the Citrus County Rental Development Strategy, funded by the SHIP Program at \$75,000. This commitment was subject to final award of all other related funds by April 2003 that were needed to successfully complete the Marina Del Ray Apartment Development on a timely basis.

#3-GG Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a statement of support for the Withlacoochee Economic Development District.

#3-HH Set a public workshop on April 23, 2002 at 2:40 P.M., and a public hearing on May 28, 2002 at 2:00 P.M., in the Commission Room, Masonic Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 111 West Main Street, Inverness, to consider a small scale amendment, CPA/AA-02-10 (Walden Woods).

#3-II Approved travel for the County Administrator to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Law in Florida seminar in Sarasota, May 10-11, 2002.

#3-JJ Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Resolution expressing concern over Section 26 of HB 715 which constitutes an inappropriate preemption into local government's home rule authority regarding billboards and represents a state encroachment on local control strictly for the benefit of a special interest group.

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#3-KK Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Clerk of Courts relating to internal audit services.

#3-LL Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Deed of Conveyance to Gerald and Gail Peck for Parcel 70000, Section 36, Section 18 South, Range 17 East, that had been declared surplus property.

#3-MM 1) Accepted two Temporary Construction Easements (Parcels 757 and 792) which had been acquired for the CR-491 Road Improvement Project; and 2) authorized the Clerk to place the acceptance stamp upon same and record in the public records.

#3-NN Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Funding Application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for up to 24 Housing Choice Vouchers.

#3-OO Approved write-off of arrears on 19 utility accounts that had the incorrect billing code at \$3,257.99.

#3-PP Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a letter to be sent to designated State officials regarding Suncoast Parkway 2 routing through public lands.

#3-QQ Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Youth Athletic Organization Agreement with AAU Baseball League for the use of Central Ridge District Park, Homosassa Springs Area Recreation Park, and Dazzy Vance, in conjunction with other leagues as necessary for their 2002 season.

#3-RR Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Installation Requirements Form for the installation of playground equipment at Central Ridge District Park by Hansen & Prezzano/Builders LLC.

#3-SS 1) Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Waste Disposal Account Agreement with Good Fella's Roll-off & Waste Disposal, Inc., establishing a monthly charge agreement for disposal fees up to \$1,000; 2) accepted an additional cash deposit of \$500 and transfer of existing \$500 cash security to the monthly agreement; and 3) terminated the weekly charge agreement, dated February 13, 2001.

#3-TT Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign 1) the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Delinquency Prevention Grant Application at \$75,160; and 2) the Interagency Collaborative Agreement with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, the Citrus County School District, the Citrus County Tobacco Free Partnership, the First Baptist Church of Crystal River, and the DJJ, effective from July 1, 2002, until June 30, 2003.

#3-R **TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN (PLAN)**

Mr. Wesch stated that the Plan pertained to the Citrus County Transit Division, specifically the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board (TDCB). He advised that State Statute required the Plan to be updated periodically, and mentioned the fares charged to the users of the system and some operational changes as being items that had been updated.

Brad Thorpe, Director of Community Services, stated that the Plan, which was recommended by the TDCB, would change the fare structure and would clarify and enforce passenger responsibilities. He stated that the fare structure had been discussed at length by the TDCB, and added that the fare that impacted customers the most was the Transportation Disadvantaged fare, which was apparently 27,000 trips per year and was increased from no charge to \$1 each way. He advised that the TDCB felt that due to the system being operated

under a subsidized income from the County, the customers should be part of that system and a rate charge would be appropriate. He commented that the rate increase would not remove the deficit or subsidy that the Board currently gave to the system and that it was up to the Board to set policy implementing the new rates. He reviewed other rate increases as follows: the public fare increased .50¢ and the transfer fees were eliminated, and the no show fee increased from \$2 to \$5 due to 2,501 no shows last year.

Commissioner Batchelor advised the Board of the TDCB meeting and the amount of discussion that ensued about the rate structure, and that he thought the TDCB had come to a good compromise and the system would still work for the people that needed it.

Mr. Thorpe stated that there had never been a rate study done, and the last rate increase was in 1995.

Mr. Wesch stated that there were issues that needed be explored, including both operational and policy considerations. He added that the revised report had to be sent to the State in order to be in compliance, but there were larger issues than what could be considered today. He requested the Board accept and adopt the non-monetary aspects of the Plan and allow Mr. Thorpe, Anne Westbrook, Support Services Director, and himself to come back with a global approach to the transportation system.

Discussion continued about other counties programs and their rates, the program continuing to be subsidized, evaluating pleasure trips versus necessity trips, and making sure the program operations were as efficient as possible; i.e., maintenance, schedules, and operational changes, before a rate increase was implemented.

Ms. Westbrook stated the Plan, which had to be rewritten every three years, was renewable every year and changes could be made during the year for the next renewal.

Commissioner Bartell commented on the need to increase the no show fee because of the number of no shows being an abuse to the system, and Mr. Thorpe advised that there were approximately 2,500 no shows last year at \$10.01 per trip.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board 1) accepted the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan with the current rate structure, with the exception of the no show fee being raised from \$2 to \$5; 2) approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement; 3) authorized submittal of said plan to the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission as the official Service Plan for Citrus County Transit; and 4) directed staff to report to the Board in 90 days with a report on improving the efficiency of the operation.***

**#2-C SV-01-07, DDS OBO MARY F. HOOKER**

Joanna L. Coutu, Planner, Community Development Division (CDD) reviewed a request to vacate a portion of Smith Street lying between Keighley Avenue and Yorkshire Avenue, as well as adjacent alleyways, as described in the plat of the Town of Holder. She advised that an application was originally processed in 1994 (Reference SV-94-06), but was continued pending receipt of deeds, which conveyed Palmer Drive (a/k/a N. Smith Terrace) to

the County in the area that it was actually constructed. She stated that those deeds were later received, but the application was never processed to completion. She added that the Plat Review Team (PRT), the Planning Development and Review Board (PDRB), and staff recommended approval with two conditions. She read the two conditions into the record as follows: the property owner shall provide Florida Power Corporation an easement as requested, and the deeds that convey the prescriptive area of Palmer Drive (aka North Smith Terrace) be recorded in the public records.

The Chairman opened the public hearing and asked for anyone to speak in favor, then opposed. With no public comment, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a resolution vacating a portion of Smith Street lying between Keighley Avenue and Yorkshire Avenue, and adjacent alleyways as described in the plat of the Town of Holder, iaw SV-01-07, as petitioned by the DDS on behalf of Mary F. Hooker, with two conditions.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-053** (I-2214/2:03 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 2:00 P.M. on the 12th day of March, 2002, Commissioner Bartell introduced and moved for the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002 – 053**

**WHEREAS**, a Petition was presented to the Board of County Commissioners by the Citrus County Department of Development Services on behalf of Mary F. Hooker, who purports to be the owner of lands abutting on a portion of Smith Street and adjacent alleyways; and

**WHEREAS**, said Petition requested the Board to close, vacate, abandon and discontinue said portion of Smith Street lying between Keighley Avenue and Yorkshire Avenue, as well as a portion of the adjacent alleyways, as described in the plat of the Town of Holder (formerly known as Hartshorn and Anita), recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 26, public records of Citrus County, Florida, 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 2:00 P.M. on the 12th day of March, 2002; 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 the portion of Smith Street lying between Keighley Avenue and Yorkshire Avenue and adjacent alleyways, 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 alleyways 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 the public right-of-way known as Smith Street, lying between Keighley Avenue and Yorkshire Avenue, and a portion of the adjacent alleyways, 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 Florida Power, a Progressive Energy Company, does hereby reserve an easement across the lands described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, to install, operate and maintain in perpetuity, such facilities as may be necessary or desirable for providing electric energy and service and communication systems, whether to telecommunication providers or other customers by Grantee or others, said facilities being located in, over, under or across the described easement area within grantor's premises in Citrus County.

3. That Citrus County does hereby reserve an easement across the lands described in Exhibit "A" for utility purposes, as may be necessary, in order to preserve the public health, safety and welfare.

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

5. 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.

6. 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 days from this date at the expense of the Citrus County Department of Development Services.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, and carried for adoption by the Board on the 12th day of March, 2002.

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 Smith Street lying between Keighley Avenue and Yorkshire Avenue, and that portion of the alley lying between Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 1 and Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 1, lying west of U.S. Highway 41 and east of Smith Street and that part of the alley lying between Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 2 and Lots 14, 15, and 16, Block 2, lying west of Smith Street and east of a southerly projection of the west line of Lot 3, Block 2, less the right-of-way for Palmer Drive, all in the Town of Holder (formerly known as Hartshorn and Anita), as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 26, public records of Citrus County, Florida, less and except a portion of Smith Street more particularly described as follows: Begin at the southeast corner of Lot 16, Block 2 of said Plat of the Town of Holder; thence S 89° 54' 54" E along a easterly projection of the south boundary of Block 2, a distance of 12.72 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of said Palmer Drive; thence N 24° 18' 31" W along said easterly right-of-way line, a distance of 30.91 feet to a point on the west right-of-way line of said Smith Street; thence S 00° 00'24" E along said west right-of-way line, a distance of 28.15 feet to the Point of Beginning.

**#3-UU BID COMMITTEE REPORT**

Charles Polisenno, Director of Public Safety, replied to Commissioner Phillips questions regarding the second Bid Committee item by stating that the current policy, which was to stay standardized and to have a local manufacturer for service, had not changed. He added that the compartment configuration, the pumps, and the mechanical portion of the vehicle would be the same, and the warranty was the same as the trucks purchased previously from Emergency One.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following Bid Committee Report: 1) allowing OMB to piggyback the City of Tampa's bid for Public Safety/professional type uniforms with Martin's Uniform, which would expire August 25, 2002; 2) allowing DPS to piggyback the Lake County Contract with Pierce Fire Apparatus/Ten 8 Fire Equipment for the purchase of six fire vehicles at a total cost of \$538,457.40; and 3) approved Bid No. 055-02,***

Aquatics, airboat and trailer, awarded to Diamondback Airboats at \$25,698 as the lowest bidder. (I-2327/2:06 P.M.)

#6- **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#6-A **HISTORIC HERNANDO SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN**

Vivian Solaga and Tristin Al-Haddad, representing Atelier AEC Inc., presented the schematic design for the Historic Hernando School. Ms. Solaga stated that her firm was commissioned by the Board to evaluate the existing conditions and to make restoration recommendation plans for the building's use as a community center. She reviewed the Existing Conditions Report with a slide presentation (filed with the Clerk's agenda). She advised that the old window air condition units would be removed, window panes would be replaced, existing electrical on the outside of the building would be removed and new electric equipment would be installed inside the building, existing doors would be repaired and retained, interior lighting would be original schoolhouse lighting, partitions would be removed, the kitchen would be removed, the auditorium would be restored, wainscoting and woodwork would be stripped and refinished, restrooms would be made handicap accessible, boiler room would be removed, and additional parking would be provided. She stated that the proposed floor plan included a meeting room, a library/reading room, a historic exhibition room, and an office for the Hernando Heritage Council.

Commissioner Phillips asked Mr. Wesch what the budgetary impacts were to the County, referring to the funding source listed on the agenda memorandum. Mr. Wesch replied that the budgetary impacts were minimal and that he would have to follow up with an exact number. (I-3375/2:25 P.M.)

***The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 2:37 P.M.***

#6-A **HISTORIC HERNANDO SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN CONTINUED**

Mr. Wesch reported that there were no budgetary impacts to the County, and the inkind services were to be provided by volunteer service hours.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Wooten, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the schematic design plan and authorized staff to proceed with design and construction documents for the restoration of the Historic Hernando School.*** (I-3445/2:38 P.M.)

#6-B **HISTORIC HERNANDO SCHOOL LEASE**

Mr. Wesch stated that in order for the Historical Society to apply for and obtain a USDA Grant, the previous lease agreement with the County would have to be extended to thirty years.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the First Addendum Lease Agreement with the Citrus County Historical Society, Inc., extending the term of the original Lease Agreement from ten years to thirty years.***

(I-3550/2:40 P.M.)

**#6-C PRIVATE ROAD ASSESSMENTS AND REVISED AR NO. 11.07-1**

Mr. Wesch stated that due to concerns regarding the ability to obtain Board financing for this project, the program was abated until recommendations were received by the consultant attorney, Heather Encinosa of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. He advised that the Board would be in a position to obtain bond financing for the program if there were a known public right of access to the properties to be maintained or improved. He requested staff be directed to revise the existing AR No. 11.07-1, Policy and Procedures Establishing Municipal Service Benefit Units for Maintenance of Private Roads, with that caveat and brought back to the Board for approval.

***Motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, to authorize staff to revise AR No. 11.07-1, Policy and Procedures Establishing Municipal Service Benefit Units for Maintenance of Private Roads, and bring back to the Board for approval.***

Mr. Battista replied to Commissioner Bartell by stating that in order to do a segment of road, it would take 100% participation in order for the Board to get a right of access along that segment for maintenance and access, and eminent domain would not be considered as part of this.

Commissioner Wooten expressed concern for the people that wanted these roads paved and would not be able to get that 100% participation, and stated staff needed to come back to the Board with alternatives; i.e., municipal service benefit units (MSBU).

***Amended motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, to authorize staff to revise AR No. 11.07-1, Policy and Procedures Establishing Municipal Service Benefit Units for Maintenance of Private Roads, and bring back to the Board for approval, and direct staff to bring alternatives to the Board in order to proceed with the Private Road Maintenance Program.***

Mr. Wesch stated the only alternative to the 100% participation would be the County setting forth a geographic boundary which the Board would utilize its authority through eminent domain proceedings, identify necessary right of ways, improve them to the extent requested by whatever percentage of the residents involved the Board would deem, and then create through mandatory special assessment for the provision of those roadways. He added this would be a policy decision and a long term solution.

Discussion ensued regarding the eminent domain proceedings being done on a case by case basis, what the budgetary impacts would be, the opposition from people regarding eminent domain, including signage into a MSBU for public safety reasons, having segments of roads paved and other segments not paved in a subdivision due to the requirement of 100% participation, etc.

Commissioner Phillips stated that within the letter from the Attorney was the Engineering Investigation and Apportionment Study, and the costs involved in that study would need to be addressed and put in the revised AR so that everyone had an understanding of the process.



**Commissioner Batchelor called a question on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.** (II-594/2:59 P.M.)

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

#7-A **VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC**

**Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution to increase staffing and services at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Inverness.**

Commissioner Fowler stated that Mr. Auer, who had spoken earlier, was a dedicated Veteran who continued to lobby on behalf of health care for Veterans. He advised the Board that the Veteran Service Officer, John J. Kenney, had just handed him a press release stating the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs recommended increasing spending on Veteran's health care (filed with the Clerk's agenda). He added that the Veterans of this County and this region had a lot to thank Mr. Auer for.

Mr. Wesch read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Bartell recommended sending a certified copy of the resolution to Congressman Bill Young, and Commissioner Fowler stated that Mr. Auer requested a certified copy be sent to Marion County Commissioner Larry Cretul.

**The Chairman called a question on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.** **RESOLUTION NO. 2002-054**

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

The Chairman nominated James White, and Commissioner Wooten nominated Todd Workman for positions on the Construction Licensing and Appeals Board for terms that would expire in three years.

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

#7-C **LAKE TSALA APOPKA BASIN RECREATION AND WATER ADVISORY BOARD**

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Walter Treftz from the Lake Tsala Apopka Basin Recreation and Water Advisory Board, and announced a vacancy for an alternate member position for a term that would expire on September 30, 2002.

#2-D **ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY**

Ron Smith and representatives of the Humane Society, Humanitarian Society, and the Citrus County Chronicle, expressed concerns with the Citrus County Animal Control Facility (Facility) and requested the following changes be made to improve conditions, procedures, and initiate new programs and goals; e.g., enlarged facility, increased staff, a proactive lost and found program, funding for emergency veterinarian care, proactive adoption and foster home programs, a quarantine area, indoor visiting area, acquisition of land for dog

park, an aggressive spay and neuter campaign, and a larger sign on the highway. They asked the Board for the necessary funding needed to correct the inadequacies of the Facility.

Mr. Wesch requested the names and addresses of the volunteers in the audience that stated they would be willing to help, and stated as the Steering Committee brought recommendations forward, staff would include them in the budget process and would continue to report to the Board as to the volunteer services. (II-1505/3:24 P.M.)

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

#2-E **PROCLAMATION - PATRICK JAMES KENNEDY**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to sign a Proclamation recognizing Patrick James Kennedy for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.***

(II-1695/3:40 P.M.)

#7-C **LAKE TSALA APOPKA BASIN RECREATION AND WATER ADVISORY BOARD CONTINUED**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Walter Treftz from the Lake Tsala Apopka Basin Recreation and Water Advisory Board, and announced a vacancy for an alternate member position for a term that would expire on September 30, 2002.***

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

Commissioner Wooten nominated Frederick B. Clark, Commissioner Batchelor nominated John F. Bunts, Sr., and Commissioner Bartell nominated B. T. Howard to the Industrial Development Authority Board for terms that would expire in four years.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board ceased nominations.*** (II-1780/3:42 P.M.)

#7-E **CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

Commissioner Phillips nominated Roger L. Owen to fill an Alternate Member position on the Code Enforcement Board for a term that would expire on November 30, 2003.

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

#13- **EMERGENCY MATTERS NOT ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA**

#13-A **INDEMNITY AGREEMENT – KEY TRAINING CENTER**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an***

*Indemnity Agreement with the Key Training Center for the installation of temporary signs in the County's right-of-way for their upcoming Community Appreciation Cookout, April 6, 2002.*

#13-B **JURISDICTION OVER LOCAL WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES**

Mr. Battista stated the proposed resolution would oppose the legislation to rescind the eminent domain authority of the County or otherwise restrict or limit the County's jurisdiction over investor owned utilities, and read the resolution into the record.

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a resolution opposing legislature to rescind the eminent domain authority of Citrus County or otherwise restrict or limit the County jurisdiction over local water and wastewater utilities.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-055** (II-1945/3:46 P.M.)

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

#14-A **CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY AND REFERENDUM**

Dave Conant expressed appreciation for the staff and support received at the Central Ridge Library, and thanked the Board for the computer lab at that library. He added that the people who supported the referendum were not trying to divide the County, but were trying to do what was best for the people by giving them the ability to vote on an issue.

#14-B **RADAR HILL MINE SITE**

Joyce Valentino, representing Heatherwood Homeowners Association, updated the Board on the reclamation of the Radar Hill Mine site issue. She advised that a plan had been put together for Florida Rock Industries and that they had been very cooperative. She thanked the Board for their support on this issue and Mr. Maidhof for his assistance.

#14-C **SIGNAGE IN ARROWHEAD SUBDIVISION**

Mr. Groves requested a decision on the signage in the Arrowhead Subdivision.

Mr. Wesch advised that staff had been opposed to the installation and expenditure of County funds for road signs on private roads in private subdivisions, and would need Board instruction on exactly what needed to be done. Mr. Wesch replied to Commissioner Wooten's questions by stating that ad valorem tax, impact fees, and gas tax were used for maintaining County roads.

Commissioner Wooten stated that he felt the signage request was a public safety issue and would support Mr. Grove's request.

Commissioner Phillips stated that the primary reason the prior signage requests had been voted down was that the law did not permit the expenditure of public funds on private roadways. She advised that if street name signs were installed on every private road in the County the cost would be \$73,000, or \$350,000 if all types of signs were installed.

Mr. Battista stated that the signage project could be done if the Board made the appropriate and specific findings of fact before expending public funds on a private project, and his opinion was based on Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes, and the letter previously mentioned by Ms. Encinosa of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.

The Chairman reiterated that the street signs were not for a private purpose. He added that they would assist public safety people to be able to do their jobs and protect the public.

Mr. Wesch stated that if this was the desire of the Board, staff needed to know exactly what the policy was and direction for when the next subdivision came forward with the same request.

The Chairman stated that he wanted the street name signs put up and thank the property owners for paying their taxes.

Commissioner Phillips stated the direction needed to be more specific, that safety issues existed in all private subdivisions, and that she would only support the request if the Board adopted a policy that street name signs be placed on every private road in private subdivisions throughout the County. She added that she did not think an AR was needed, and that she would like reassurance from legal staff that the letter of the law was satisfied before the new policy was adopted.

***Motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, to direct Mr. Wesch to prepare a policy to be adopted by the Board for street name signs on private roads in private subdivisions, after research from the legal staff was completed and funding sources determined.***

Commissioner Wooten stated that the policy to be created by the above motion would be to install the street name signs on private roads, maintain them, and borrow the money if necessary.

Mr. Battista replied to Commissioner Phillips' questions by stating the findings of fact could be completed in resolution format and brought back to the Board for adoption at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Discussion continued about the findings of fact, the public safety issues, setting criteria that would treat all private subdivisions the same, the policy to be for street name signs only, starting in the Arrowhead Subdivision, funding, etc.

Sumner Waite disagreed with the Board making decisions impulsively. He thought the people that live in the private subdivision should purchase the signs and put them up themselves. He also suggested the County offer to build the signs and sell them at cost. He added that public safety vehicles were equipped with computers and did not need the signs.

Mr. Battista replied to Mr. MacIntosh by stating that his opinion on this subject was based on Florida Statute and the letter from Ms. Encinosa. Mr. MacIntosh stated that the people residing in private subdivisions should put up their own signs.

Commissioner Wooten stated that there was letters in the backup from Sheriff Dawsy and from Jim Soukup, Director of Emergency Operations saying that the signs would be helpful from a public safety standpoint.

Mr. Battista stated that he would like to present to the Board at the next meeting, the appropriate findings of fact. He added that the public purpose needed to be very explicit and beyond the norm, and that Mr. Wesch would bring back other criteria for review.

***The motion and the second were withdrawn.***

***Motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, to direct staff to bring back to the Board findings of fact in order to adopt a policy of placing street name signs on private roads in private subdivisions.***

Short discussion followed regarding an Attorney General Opinion that had been requested, and that public safety vehicles refused to go down private roads due to the condition of that road and the signage would not help.

***The Chairman called a question on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.***

#14-D **HALLS RIVER ROAD AND REFERENDUM**

Kay C. Russell expressed concern with the Board's decision of the condominiums on Halls River Road and the rescinding of the referendum regarding where the Board would meet. He asked the Commissioners the following questions: 1) what made the Commissioners decide to run for their position?, 2) what was it about the Commissioners that they feel caused people to vote for them?, 3) and what methods do the Commissioners use to determine how to vote on an issue? He stated that the voices of the people were not heard or taken seriously on these issues.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. (III-512/4:35 P.M.)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman