

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on the above date for the purpose of conducting regular business. Commissioner Fowler led in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States' Flag. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

**Commissioners:** Roger O. Batchelor, District I; Gary Bartell, District II; Vicki Phillips, District III; Jim Fowler, District IV; and Josh Wooten, District V  
**Clerk:** Betty Strifler, Clerk; Theresa Steelfox and Glenda Brown, Deputy Clerks  
**Attorneys:** Larry M. Haag and Carl Kern, Assistant  
**Administrator:** Richard Wm. Wesch, Interim

#1-B **OATH OF OFFICE**

Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners-Elect Roger O. Batchelor, District I; Vicki Phillips, District III; and Josh Wooten, District V.

#1-C **SELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Fowler nominated Commissioner Batchelor.

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

Commissioner Batchelor, by unanimous acclamation, was elected Chairman.

#1-D **SELECTION OF FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for First Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Bartell nominated Commissioner Fowler.

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

Commissioner Fowler was elected First Vice-Chairman by unanimous acclamation.

#1-E **SELECTION OF SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for Second Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Fowler nominated Commissioner Bartell.

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

Commissioner Bartell, by unanimous acclamation, was chosen as Second Vice-Chairman.

#1-F **MEETING DAYS & TIMES; BOARD SEAL**

The Chairman suggested having two regular meetings per month on the second and fourth Tuesday. He added that having two regular meetings per month would save staff time, that the meetings would have more continuity, etc. Commissioner Bartell requested adding the flexibility of going back to a special meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month, if deemed necessary.

***Motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to set regular meeting days as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 1:00 P.M., in the Commission Room, Third Floor, Masonic Building, 111 West Main St., Inverness.***

Mr. Wesch requested that the new schedule commence in January 2001, due to previous scheduling for December.

***Amended motion by Commissioner Batchelor, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, to set regular meeting days as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 1:00 P.M., in the Commission Room, Third Floor, Masonic Building, 111 West Main St., Inverness, starting in January 2001.***

Commissioners' Phillips and Wooten concurred that there needed to be the flexibility of going back to the three meetings per month if needed.

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

***Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the Board Seal used during the previous year as the official Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County seal.***

#1-G **SALARIES, MILEAGE, TRAVEL**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board set Board salaries as provided by Florida Statutes; set out-of-county mileage at 29 cents per mile; set in-county travel at \$100 per month per commissioner, with the Chairman to receive an additional \$50 per month.***

#1-H **SIGNATURE CARDS AND COUNTY WARRANTS**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, and the County Clerk to sign bank signature cards and county warrants for all Board accounts.***

#1-I NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

**Motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, to select the Citrus County Chronicle as the official newspaper for publication of Board notices, and to be designated to publish delinquent tax sale notices and other legal advertising of the Board.**

Mr. Haag gave a brief overview of the current lawsuit with the Citrus Times. He stated that it was the recommendation of his office and Alan Zimmet, the County's Special Council, to renew the existing contract with the Chronicle, at the same price, in order to avoid multiple lawsuits going on at the same time with the same issues.

**The Chairman called a question on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.** (IA/1:15 P.M.)

#2- PERSONS TO APPEAR, PUBLIC HEARINGS, WORKSHOPS#2-A PROCLAMATION – ELDER READY COMMUNITY

Mr. Kern introduced Luis Morse, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Elder Affairs. Mr. Morse gave a summary of the Elder Ready Community and the tremendous resources available by elder citizens.

**Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to sign a Proclamation in support of an effort to first evaluate and then remove barriers to make Citrus County an Elder Ready Community.**

#2-B CITRUS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CCEDC)

Mr. Wesch introduced Brett Wattles, Interim Executive Director for CCEDC. Mr. Wattles stated that he was acting as Economic Development Consultant and Interim Executive Director of the CCEDC. He discussed the importance of economic development, the future development and economy of Citrus County, the decisions of who was responsible and how to fund economic development, etc. He stated that the public/private partnership was the best way and the most effective way to have economic development. He requested that the Board and the CCEDC come together as a partnership in terms for the future economy, and requested an additional six months to demonstrate the CCEDC's ability to have sound economic development. He addressed the CCEDC past problems; i.e., staff leadership, general leadership, applications to the County for the Job Growth Incentive Grant Program, limited public understanding, etc.

Bruce Schultz, CCEDC Treasurer, reviewed the application request for \$45,733.86 and stated that the details were in the backup. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

**Motions by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Batchelor, to:**  
**1) approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the addendum to the Funding Agreement with CCEDC, extending the funding for Fiscal Year 2000/2001; 2) approve the transfer of \$45,733.86 from the Citrus County Occupational License Fee account to the CCEDC; 3) approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution adopting the Occupational Licenses**

*Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2000/2001 and spread upon the minutes; and 4) approve and authorize the issuance of a county warrant at \$45,733.86 to the CCEDC.*

## RESOLUTION NO. 2000-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001.

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2000 the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners approved an addendum to the funding agreement with the Citrus County Economic Development Council extending the funding for Fiscal Year 2000/2001; and

WHEREAS, this public/private partnership is designed to encourage desirable economic development in the County through implementation of a economic development program;

WHEREAS, the agreement provides the Council a minimum of \$60,000 and up to \$108,000 in Fiscal Year 2000/2001; and

WHEREAS, the County's disbursements are provided under the condition that the Council match the County's contribution; 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 2000/2001;

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, in regular session on the 21st day of November 2000, as follows:

1. The Board does hereby amend its budget to include the estimated revenues and expenditures listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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/ Roger O. Batchelor

ROGER O. BATCHELOR, CHAIRMAN

**EXHIBIT " A "**

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Revenues		Cash Carry Forward	\$108,000
Expenditures	112-2790-58230	Economic Development Council	\$108,000

Commissioner Bartell stated that he would not support the motion and would like to move on to economic development in a different manner.

Commissioner Phillips concurred with Commissioner Bartell. She stated that decisions were needed regarding the responsibility and funding of economic development. She suggested that the funding issues and the ability to give clear direction be addressed before starting again. She thanked the citizens that had volunteered for their hard work.

Commissioner Fowler requested that the additional six months and funding be approved due to the time and effort that had already been made towards economic

development. He added that mistakes had been made in the past, and that the funding was needed so that the CCEDC could work on a transition plan for the future.

Commissioner Batchelor agreed with Mr. Wattles regarding the public/private partnerships being the most successful. He stated that everyone should go beyond the mistakes made with CCEDC, and that funding may need to be reformulated in the next few months.

Commissioner Wooten expressed concerns regarding the ending of CCEDC. He added that he understood that the public was getting frustrated, that he was willing to support CCEDC as long as changes were made, that the community would need to be behind CCEDC in order for it to be successful, etc.

Discussion continued regarding the importance of economic development, opposition in regard to the present format, the successes of CCEDC, the many people that had been involved, proper funding, etc.

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment. The following people spoke in favor: Johnny Walker, Pro-Line Boats, and Fred Clark, CCEDC Board Member.

Anthony Tomasello, Joyce Valentino, Jim Bitter, Lee Cloward, Chris Lloyd, Jim MacIntosh, Janet Masoy, and Patricia Cloward spoke in opposition.

Sumner Waite suggested that the Commissioners in favor of the motion, state for the record two standards required to be performed within the six months.

***The Chairman called a question on the motion. Motion carried. Voting Aye: Commissioners Batchelor, Fowler and Wooten. Voting Nay: Commissioners Phillips and Bartell.***

(IIA/3:15 P.M.)

**The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 3:30 P.M.**

#3- **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#3-A Approved the following warrants: Payroll registers dated 11/10/00 at \$430,985.10 and dated 11/16/00 at \$36,256.25. Accounts payable register dated 11/20/00 at \$2,511,144.78. Emergency register dated 11/21/00 at \$64,755.23.

#3-B Approved the following budget transfer: **BD:** \$975 from #066-3445-54100 to #54605.

#3-C Adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a budget resolution as follows:

## RESOLUTION NO. 2000-247

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2000, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners approved grant amendment #1 to the Community Care for the Elderly Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2000, Mid Florida Area on Aging, Inc. approved a contract amendment to provide in-home health care for the low income elderly citizens of Citrus County; 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 2000/2001; 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 21st day of November 2000, as follows:

1. The Board does hereby amend its budget to include the estimated revenues and expenditures listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ Betty Strifler

BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

/s/ Roger O. Batchelor

ROGER O. BATCHELOR, CHAIRMAN

**EXHIBIT " A "**

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<u>Revenues</u>	183A-334-691	State Grants	114,477
	183A-346-900	Fees for Services	7,856
		Total Revenues	\$122,333
<u>Expenditures</u>	183A-5345A-569-51200	Regular Salaries And Wages	41,722
	183A-5345A-569-52100	Fica Taxes	3,192
	183A-5345A-569-52200	Retirement Contributions	4,235
	183A-5345A-569-52300	Life & Health Insurance	3,081
	183A-5345A-569-52400	Workers Compensation	1,475
	183A-5345A-569-53400	Other Contractual Services	941
	183A-5345A-569-53483	Subcontract Svcs - Homemaking	16,424
	183A-5345A-569-53484	Subcontract Svcs – Personal Care	9,855
	183A-5345A-569-53485	Subcontract Svcs – Respite Care	27,539
	183A-5345A-569-53486	Subcontract Svcs - Meals	7,290
	183A-5345A-569-53488	Subcontract Svcs – Companionship	1,103
	183A-5345A-569-53489	Subcontract Svcs - Shopping Assistance	1,103
	183A-5345A-569-54000	Travel And Per Diem	38
	183A-5345A-569-54004	Travel Administration	552
<u>Expenditures</u>	183A-5345A-569-54005	Travel Volunteer	474
	183A-5345A-569-54100	Communication Services	1,020
	183A-5345A-569-54201	Postage	600

	183A-5345A-569-54300	Utility Services	240
	183A-5345A-569-54605	Maintenance – Equipment	300
	183A-5345A-569-55100	Office Supplies	606
	183A-5345A-569-55107	Program Supplies	312
	183A-5345A-569-55417	Training	231
		Total Expenditures	\$122,333

#3-D Acknowledged receipt of Tax Deeds as follows:

<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>ALTERNATE KEY NO.</b>
Lot 20, Block 1613, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2090057
Lot 6, Block 1615, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2091258
Lot 7, Block 1615, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2091312
Lot 12, Block 1616, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2093757
Lot 11, Block 1616, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2093731
Lot 30, Block 1618, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2095687
Lot 21, Block 1620, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2097418
Lot 22, Block 1620, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2097434
Lot 30, Block 1620, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2097574
Lot 16, Block 1638, Citrus Springs Unit 26, 10/17/18	2120649

#3-E Approved reduction of the retainage rate to 5% for the Citrus County Courthouse Restoration, Phase V project and partial release of retainage to Concept Enterprises, Inc., at \$13,600.

#3-F Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Records Disposition Request No. 238 (Circuit Civil, Domestic Relations: passport records, marriage license books, correspondence, accounts payable/receivable records, court reports), No. 242 (Probate Records: case files), No. 293 (Traffic/Misdemeanor Department: court recordings), No. 297 (Probate Records: court recordings), No. 298 (Recording: cash receipt/report records, correspondence, ledgers), No. 302 (Circuit Civil: court reports, journals), No. 304 (Juvenile: citations), and No. 305 (Probate Records: court reports, case files).

#3-G Acknowledged receipt of the amended Telephone Expense Audit.

#3-H Approved reduction of the retainage rate to 5% for the Citrus County Courthouse Restoration, Phase VI project and partial release of retainage to Concept Enterprises, Inc., at \$26,138.95.

#3-I Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Rehabilitation Agreement with Katherine M. Florin for home repairs which had been completed through the State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) in the grant funded amount of \$15,002.35.

#3-J→K Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Satisfactions of Mortgage on behalf of Stephen and Maria Dergosits at \$4,171.66 and James L. and Christina T. Scruggs at \$2,374.05.

#3-L Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an annual self-assessment, which was subject to a review by an independent auditor at a later date.

#3-M Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Agreement, Contract Number: 01EA-F5-05-19-01-008, for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 with the Florida Department of Community Affairs which provided funding for energy assistance payments on behalf of very low income families at \$87,912.

#3-N Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the El Nino Disaster Recovery Program Contract for Demolition to demolish four structures: 6281 Gina Lynn Path; 6525 Turkey Trail Drive; 7908 N. Brush Terrace; and 5805 E. River Road at \$9,250.

#3-O.1 Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Waste Disposal Agreement with FDS Disposal, Inc., establishing a weekly charge agreement for disposal fees using the existing \$4,000 security deposit.

#3-O.2 Approved termination of the monthly charge agreement with FDS Disposal, Inc. dated December 14, 1999.

#3-O.3 Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Waste Disposal Account Agreement with Good Fella's Roll-off & Waste Disposal, Inc., establishing a weekly charge and acceptance of security at \$200.

#3-P.1 Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an application for the Playground Surfacing Grant with the Department of Environmental Protection for the term of January 1 to December 31, 2001, in the amount determined by the State as Citrus County's per capita share, currently estimated to be \$10,858.20 which would provide funding for waste-tire derived safety surfacing material for playgrounds at schools and parks.

#3-P.2 Approved and authorized the Solid Waste Management Division to administer the Grant.

#3-P.3 Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement when received from the State.

#3-P.4 Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign Grant Reports and Reimbursement Requests.

#3-Q Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amended contract with A+ Healthcare Specialists, Inc. to increase and/or change units of service under the Community Care for the Elderly Program.



#3-R Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amended contract with Family Pest Control Services to increase and/or change units of service under the Community Care for the Elderly Program.

#3-S Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amended contract with John Bonilla Cleaning Service to increase and/or change units of service under the Community Care for the Elderly Program.

#3-T Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amended contract with Florida Pest Control Services to increase and/or change units of service under the Community Care for the Elderly Program.

#3-U Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Assistance Payments Contract with Susie Mae Weeks at \$326 per month.

#3-V Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an Indemnity Agreement with the Floral City Heritage Council, to allow for the placement of temporary signs, barricades and luminaries in the rights-of-way for the upcoming Floral City Heritage Days, December 1 and 2. This request was also for approval to close Orange Avenue between Annie Terrace and Old Floral City Road from 5:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on December 1 and Orange Avenue from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on December 2.

#3-W Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an Administrative Law Judge Services Contract with the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH). This Contract was a renewal of our current contract with DOAH and enables the County to utilize their Hearing Officers in appeals of land use and development decisions if the need arises.

#6- **INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, RICHARD WM. WESCH**

#6-A **CITRUS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AUDIT**

***Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Letter of Understanding with Williams, McCranie & Sutton, P. A. for an annual audit of the Citrus County Economic Development Council, Inc. for Fiscal Year 1999/2000 at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, to be funded through the Occupational License Fund.***

#6-B **2002 COOPERATIVE FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Wesch requested approval of the staff ranking for the 2002 Cooperative Funding Grant Applications for submittal to the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). He explained that Item 2, Citrus County Reclaimed Water System, had been moved up in the rating due to the obligation to have reuse in Citrus County within five years and that time frame was October 2005. He added that some preliminary discussions had been made with the Black Diamond Property Owners Association and the Black Diamond Developer regarding reuse agreements whereby they would take the County's reuse from the Brentwood and Meadowcrest Wastewater Treatment Plants.

**Motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, to approve staff ranking for the 2002 Cooperative Funding Grant Applications for submittal to the SWFWMD for selected projects on a 50/50 match, as follows:**

1. Water Quality Monitoring	2. Citrus County Reclaimed Water System, Phase I
3. Homosassa Regional Wastewater Project, Phase 4	4. Homosassa Regional Wastewater Project, Phase 3
5. Sediment Removal (Tsala Apopka Lake Chain)	6. Tsala Apopka Lake Chain Restoration Plan/Permit
7. Fecal Coliform Bacterial Monitoring	8. Davis Lake Restoration Planning/Permitting
9. Morrison Pool Sinkhole	

and approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the SWFWMD Cooperative Funding Initiative Application.

Mr. Wesch responded to Commissioner Bartell's comment by stating the issue of reuse and the reuse costs were included in the current usage study.

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

#6-C **RESIDENTIAL BURNING BAN**

Mr. Wesch stated that the request for a residential burning ban would need to be withdrawn due to the recent rainfall received. He added that the burn index had dropped below the level where a burning ban would be necessary.

#7- **COMMISSIONER ROGER BATCHELOR, CHAIRMAN**

#7-A **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Angela Sperle of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Member-At-Large position, and announced a vacancy for an unexpired term that would expire on April 25, 2002.**

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

#13-A **TEMPORARY CLOSE OF A PORTION OF CR-495 (CITRUS AVENUE)**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from the City of Crystal River to temporarily close a portion of CR-495 (Citrus Avenue) on December 2, 2000 from approximately 5:30 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. for the Crystal River parade.**

#13-B **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Phillips stated that additional items may increase due to having two meetings per month and staff would need to contend with that problem. Commissioner Bartell suggested that staff send out a letter to the Constitutional Officers and the Cities letting them know that the meetings would be on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. (IIA/3:40 P.M.)

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