

The Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, met in regular session on the above date at the Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness.

Present: Gary Bartell, Chairman; Jim Fowler, First Vice-Chairman; Dennis Damato, Second Vice-Chairman; Vicki Phillips and Joyce Valentino

Attorney: Robert B. Battista

Administrator: Richard Wm. Wesch

Deputy Clerks: Glenda Brown and Theresa Steelfox

The Chairman called the meeting to order, Commissioner Damato gave the invocation, and Commissioner Valentino led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

2-A **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

2-A.1 Bill Grant spoke about the treatment of inmates at the Citrus County Detention Facility since December 2004. He explained that he attempted to resolve this issue with CCA (Corrections Corporation of America) and had placed multiple phone calls to Mr. Wesch with no returned calls. He added that a federal civil rights lawsuit was filed last Friday on behalf of several inmates at the facility because of the conduct of the guards and the CCA. He advised that this had been an ongoing problem and he was making a formal request to the Board to have staff or an independent investigation performed on CCA.

Bo Samargya stated that CCA admitted that this treatment had taken place and chose not to refer it to law enforcement because they said that they had taken care of the problem. He advised that his office provided all of the information to State Attorney Brad King and Sheriff Jeff Dawsy and were asking them to investigate the matter.

The Chairman referred the issue to Mr. Wesch and Mr. Battista, asked them to perform a preliminary investigation, and report to the Board. (1:16 P.M.)

2-A.2 Hilbert Staton stated that due diligence with full disclosure would be beneficial so that a good decision could be made regarding the construction of the new Gospel Island Bridge. He expressed concern about conflicting information he had received regarding the driveway to his residence and the public safety issues of the residents on Gospel Island Road.

2-A.3 Shane Vogt, representing Williams, Schifino, Mangione & Steady, P.A., trial council for CCA, stated that he would not address the allegations made by Mr. Grant because it was the policy of CCA not to comment on pending litigation. However, he wanted the Board to know that CCA took this matter very seriously, that his firm would pursue vigorously in the litigation, and that CCA denied the allegations in the complaint.

2-A.4 Barbara Legg, resident of Citrus Springs, expressed concern with developers buying all of the land in the County. She requested information regarding County laws pertaining to the developers investing in the public parks.

Mr. Wesch explained that the County had extensive rules and regulations that impose development obligations on developers. He suggested that Development Services Director Gary Maidhof meet with Ms. Legg to explain the rules that applied to developers.

2-A.5 William Garvin read a letter into the record regarding existing Styrofoam docks. He asked the Board to take affirmative action by placing a moratorium on new docks and require that all existing docks have exposed Styrofoam replaced by a specific timeframe. He provided a copy of the City of Crystal River's ordinance regarding this issue (the letter and ordinance were filed with the Clerk's agenda).

The Chairman explained that this issue was discussed at the Goal Setting Session and the Board was in the process of prioritizing their goals from that meeting. Mr. Battista stated that staff would review the possibility of retrofitting existing docks and bring that information back to the Board.

2-A.6 Commissioner Fowler read a letter into the record from Ed Gerrits regarding the ceasing of taxpayer funding for the Economic Development Council (filed with the Clerk's agenda. (1:30 P.M.)

2-B **EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS**

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the County:

5 Years: Brenda S. Gates and Joyce Henderson. **15 Years:** Charles S. (Chuck) Dixon.

3- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Damato, and carried unanimously, the Board pulled item 3-BB.2 (Bid No. 050-06, Mowing of the County's Rights-of-way and Litter Pick-up) for further review by staff, approved the balance of the following consent agenda items, and authorized the Chairman to execute all related documents:

3-A Minutes of the special meeting (Goal Setting Session) held on February 1, 2006.

3-B County warrants for payroll and accounts payable.

3-C Budget Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-052

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INVERNESS AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES GRANT BUDGET FOR FY 2005-06

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2004, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2004, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation executed the agreement providing funds for infrastructure and facilities at the Inverness airport; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed Supplemental Agreement #1 and on January 19, 2006, the Department of Transportation executed the supplemental agreement; 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 2005-06; 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 as follows:

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ADOPTED, in regular session this 14th day of March 2006, by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

/s/ Betty Strifler

BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ Gary Bartell

GARY BARTELL, CHAIRMAN

EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	041-334-410	State Grant	252,000
	041-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	63,000
		<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$315,000
<i>Expenditures</i>	041-5796-53100	Professional Services	63,000
	041-5796-56300	Improvements other than Buildings	252,000
		<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$315,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-053

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INVERNESS AIRPORT RAMP/TERMINAL FACILITIES GRANT BUDGET FOR FY 2005-06

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2004, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2004, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation executed the agreement providing funds for ramp/terminal facilities at the Inverness airport; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed Supplemental Agreement #1 and on January 19, 2006, the Department of Transportation executed the supplemental agreement; and

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	037-334-410	State Grant	193,600
	037-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	48,400
		<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$242,000
<i>Expenditures</i>	037-5794-53100	Professional Services	48,400
	037-5794-56300	Improvements other than Buildings	193,600
		<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$242,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-054

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE INVERNESS AIRPORT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON GRANT BUDGET FOR FY 2005-06

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2004, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2004, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation executed the agreement providing funds for the aircraft parking apron at the Inverness airport; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed Supplemental Agreement #2 and on January 27, 2006, the Department of Transportation executed the supplemental agreement; 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 2005-06; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	174-334-410	State Grant	250,000
	174-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	62,500
		<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$312,500

<i>Expenditures</i>	174-5801-53100	Professional Services	62,500
	174-5801-56300	Improvements other than Buildings	250,000
		<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$312,500

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-055

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CRYSTAL RIVER AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT BUDGET FOR FY 2005-06

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2004, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2004, the State of Florida Department of Transportation executed the agreement providing funds for development at the Crystal River Airport; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed Supplemental Agreement #1 and on January 27, 2006, the Department of Transportation executed the supplemental agreement; and;

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EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	080-334-410	State Grant	110,000
	080-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	27,500
		Total Revenues	\$137,500
<i>Expenditures</i>	080-5838-53100	Professional Services	27,500
	080-5838-56300	Improvement Other than Building	110,000
		Total Expenditures	\$137,500

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-056

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE INVERNESS AIRPORT MASTER PLAN GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2006, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation executed the agreement providing funds for an Airport Master Plan at the Inverness airport; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	114-334-410	State Grant	3,500
	114-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	3,500
		<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$7,000
<i>Expenditures</i>	114-5849-53100	Professional Services	7,000
		<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$7,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-057

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE INVERNESS AIRPORT AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVATION SYSTEM GRANT BUDGET FOR FY 2005-06

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a Public Transportation Joint Participation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2006, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation executed the agreement providing funds for the Automated Weather Observation System at the Inverness airport; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	113-334-410	State Grant	72,000
	113-381-001	Transfer from General Fund	18,000
		<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$90,000
<i>Expenditures</i>	113-5848-53100	Professional Services	13,500
	113-5848-56300	Improvements other than Buildings	76,500
		<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$90,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-058

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LIBRARY SERVICES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners received a Private Foundation Mini-Grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation; and

WHEREAS, these funds need to be appropriated; 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 2005-06; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<i>Revenues</i>	131-366-900	Other Contributions and Donations	\$350
<i>Expenditures</i>	131-6212-55109	Ezra Jack Keats Grant	\$350

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-059

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2005, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners executed a grant application to request funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2006, Citrus County was awarded said grant to purchase an interactive teaching aid to improve the awareness of fire and life safety in our community; 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 2005-06; and

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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Revenues	126-331-200	Federal Grant	\$23,655
Expenditures	126-5853-56400	Machinery and Equipment	\$23,655

3-D Budget Transfers: **Library Services:** \$2,400 from #131-6212-53100 to #-55417. **Section 8 Rental Assistance:** \$775 from 166H-5366H-53000 to #-54615. **State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP):** \$15,000 from #133D-5304D-54927 and \$145,000 from #53400 with \$80,000 to #-58200 and \$80,000 to #-59930. **Title III C2:** \$3,370 from #182F-5348F-51200 with \$700 to #-5362F-53400, \$2,500 to #-55120, \$89 to #-55270, and \$81 to #-55275. **OAA Title III C2:** \$1,000 from #182G-5348G-53400, \$500 from #-54004, and \$500 from #-54012 with \$1,000 to #-54603 and \$1,000 to #-55208. **Retired Senior and Volunteer Program:** \$650 from #162G-5379G-54000 to #-55208. **Teen Court Fines:** \$200 from #079-2155-55200 to #-55221. **Elections:** \$300 from #001-2441-51306 to #-52500. **Road Maintenance:** \$500 from #102-4102-54600 to #-54160. **West Citrus Community Center:** \$1,200 from #022-5423-369945 to #-369946.

3-E Release of Lien for a special assessment that had been paid in full for Kenneth R. James II and Vida L. James as recorded in Resolution No. 2004-170.

3-F Satisfactions of Judgments for Kevin Lee Cason, Case No. 02-03094-MM and Dana Aimorie Myers, Case No. 03-00753-MM.

3-G Routine wire transfers during the month of February 2006.

3-H Revisions to the 2005-2007 and 2002-2004 SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plans as recommended by the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

3-I Modifications to SHIP Agreements dated October 26, 2004, with Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County, Inc., and with Florida Low Income Housing Associates, Inc.

3-J Replat/Substantially Similar Plat of Chuck's Acres and that the Clerk record the plat in the public records.

3-K State of Florida Department of Management Services Agreement for Cancellation of Lease Agreement (Lease No. 420:0125) with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Facility No. 10551 effective March 1, 2006.

3-L Clerk of the Circuit Court's request to create an addendum for additional audit services from Purvis, Gray & Co., per Section VIII, A, Audit Contract.

3-M Adopt-A-Park Agreement with the Parrot Heads of Citrus, Inc., to maintain and assist with improvements at Fort Island Gulf Beach Fishing Pier.

3-N Settlement of \$3,603.75 for appraisal fees for Parcels 132 and 778, 709 and 808, and 774 for the County Road (CR) 486 Capital Road Improvement Project.

3-O Contract with the Citrus County Fair Association for Extension Services and 4H booth rental during the Citrus County Fair, March 20 through 25, 2006.

3-P Seventh Amended and Restated Agreement to Establish the Citrus Levy Marion Regional Workforce Development Board revising the structure to align its membership with the requirements of The Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

3-Q→3-R Public hearings set as shown at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue in Inverness to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (COMP) Ordinance No. 89-04 as amended and the Land Development Code (LDC) Atlas Ordinance No. 90-14:

Date and Time	Amendment/Applicant
<p><u>Adoption Workshop:</u> April 11, 2006, at 3:00 P.M.</p> <p><u>Adoption Hearing:</u> April 25, 2006, at 5:01 P.M.</p>	<p>CPA/AA-06-01, Department of Development Services (DDS) for Department of Public Works (DPW)</p> <p>CPA/AA-06-06, Gregory Disbrow for Brooksville Rental, Inc.</p> <p>CPA/AA-06-10, Bill Berry for T & G Property Service, Inc.</p>
<p><u>Adoption Workshop:</u> April 11, 2006, at 5:10 P.M.</p> <p><u>Adoption Hearing:</u> April 25, 2006, at 5:15 P.M.</p>	<p>CPA/AA-06-11, LeRoy and Clara Wagler</p> <p>CPA/AA-06-12, Clark A. Stillwell for CC Investments I, LLC</p>

3-S Eligible 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan updated documents for the Hartford to comply with IRS (Internal Revenue Services) requirements.

3-T A letter from the Chairman to the Florida Department of Corrections acknowledging that the CCA participated in the VINE (Victim Notification and Information Service) as required by the state, and that Citrus County had no objection to the CCA being their agent for VINE.

3-U Revisions to Administrative Regulation (AR) 12.08 entitled Guidelines for Rental of County Buildings under the Department of Community Services "Request to Waive Rental Fees" policy.

3-V Resolutions and Certificates of Incumbency and Authority authorizing selected County staff to execute permit applications on behalf of the County for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

RESOLUTION NOS. 2006-060 ⇨ 062 RESPECTIVELY

3-W Master Agreement CR 486 Widening from SR (State Road) 44 to Forest Ridge Boulevard Contract and Agreement for General Engineering Services, RFP (Request for Proposal) No. 018-06 with Professional Engineering Consultants, Inc.

3-X Request from the Friends of the Floral City Library to use the Old Floral City Fire Station for a staging area for their annual book sale March 17 and 18, 2006, and to set up during the week prior to the sale.

3-Y Engagement letter pursuant to RFQ (Request for Qualifications) No. 057-05 with Holland & Knight LLP for disclosure counsel services to public issuance of Florida bonds, notes, and other debt obligations for a three-year period.

3-Z Ranking of transportation planning services (RFQ No. 044-06) and staff to start negotiations with the top ranked firm, GMB Engineers & Planners, Inc/Avid Engineering/Glatting Jackson.

3-AA (1) Agreement for Professional Services with TBE Group, Inc., to perform a conceptual engineering analysis for improvements to Inverness Village, Unit 4, for \$49,800, and (2) the related budget transfer: **Road and Bridge**: \$49,800 from #102-9998-61000 to #-4104-53100.

3-BB Bid/RFP Recommendations: (1) **Bid No. 047-06, Maintenance Operations, Re-roofing of the Canning Center**: to THL Enterprises, Inc., as the only bidder meeting the specifications, and the Chairman to execute the accompanying Notice of Commencement; and (3) **Piggyback Bid Request, Road Maintenance, Pavement Marking Materials and Rolled Reflective Sheeting**: allowing the division to piggyback the Volusia County Bid No. 05-B-143PW - Signs, Sign Blanks, Pavement Markers and Related Materials, Sections V- Pavement Marking Materials, and Section VI- Rolled Reflective Sheeting to 3M Traffic Safety and Flint Trading, Inc. (1:33 P.M.)

2-C **PROCLAMATION - AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to execute a proclamation declaring the month of April 2006 "Autism Awareness Month" in Citrus County.

Marianne Bryant, organizer for the Autism Support Group in Citrus County, made brief comments and distributed information to the Board regarding Autism (filed with the Clerk's agenda).

6- **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

6-A **LECANTO GOVERNMENT BUILDING OFFICE SPACE MODIFICATIONS**

Mr. Wesch explained that with the recent addition of County staff and the opening of the Citrus County Resource Center/VA Clinic (Resource Center) he afforded staff the opportunity to review current space needs and to make recommendations. He stated that the Community Support Services Division (CSSD) would be relocated to the Resource Center, and he described the changes within the Lecanto Government Building, which were included in the backup materials. He added that the space would be constructed

using in-house crews at approximately \$45,000, and that the project was budgeted within the Maintenance Operations Division FY 05/06 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Damato to authorize staff to proceed with office space modifications to the Lecanto Government Building.

Mr. Wesch addressed Commissioner Damato's question regarding the timeframe by stating that the space modifications would be completed within six months.

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

6-C **APPROVAL OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSE OF AGENDA DEADLINE**

6-C.1 **FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY (FGUA)**

Mr. Wesch advised the Board that the FGUA had a special meeting last week regarding the maintenance and operation contract. He explained that both the Citrus County and Lee County Boards of County Commissioners had notified the FGUA of their hesitancy to proceed with Wade Trim/US Water discussions due to the demobilization fees contained within their proposal. He added that due to those concerns, the FGUA board of directors voted to terminate further discussion with Wade Trim/US Water and resume contract negotiations with Severn Trent.

Mr. Battista replied to Commissioner Phillips' request to update the Board on the progress of the acquisition by stating that he would advise the Board in the future as significant events occurred. He mentioned that staff would be meeting next week to address manpower issues, bonding or financing options, the billing contract, and so on.

2-D **PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLUB MAGAZINE INFORMATION**

Cathy Pearson, Director of CSSD, gave a presentation regarding the publication of a Senior Club Magazine, which would provide information and resources for seniors. She reviewed the magazine format, story topics, magazine cover, and the responsibilities of the County and publisher. She concluded by stating that the cost to the County would be minimal and the potential revenue would be a great way to help supplement grants and help the needs of the area seniors.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman to execute a Contract for Services with Excel Printing, Inc., for publication of the Senior Club Magazine.

Clerk's Note: After the meeting, the Chairman did not execute the contract with Excel Printing, Inc., due to other publishing companies showing an interest in bidding on this project. Although the bidding process was not required on this project, the County decided to go out for bid as a courtesy.

The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 2:07 P.M.

2-E **PROCLAMATION - FITNESS IN CITRUS**

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to execute a Proclamation declaring March 13 through April 16, 2006, as "Fitness in Citrus".

6-B **CHASSAHOWITZKA SEWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Wesch made brief comments and County Engineer Al McLaurin presented a PowerPoint presentation (filed with the backup material). He reviewed the status of grant funding, assessment unit history, estimated costs for water and wastewater, the City of Sanford vacuum sewer system, and other sewer system alternatives.

Discussion ensued regarding the various systems, grant extensions, calculation of ERUs (equivalent residential unit) for the US 19 corridor, cut off date for reassignment of development rights, the possibility of additional ERUs as the project moved forward, increased material construction costs and the additional time necessary if the project was re-bid, designing a system that would be environmentally friendly, concern with the necessity of a sewer system in the Chassahowitzka area, and so on.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to select the vacuum sewer system for the Chassahowitzka Sewer Project.

Commissioners continued discussing the different types of sewer systems available, being environmentally friendly, the County being familiar with the conventional gravity sewer system, speaking with other entities that had used the vacuum sewer system, and so on.

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to address the motion.

Jim Bennett stated that he believed the vacuum sewer system would be more reliable and that restoration costs would be less.

Commissioner Bartell replied to Mr. Bennett's question regarding funding by stating that the County had researched the SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan process and had pursued all options to bring the assessment cost down. Mr. Wesch addressed Mr. Bennett's question regarding the types of sewer systems analyzed by stating that the former engineering company (C & D Engineering) was contracted to evaluate available technologies and recommend the best-suited system. He added that he would provide Mr. Bennett information to contact the engineer that performed the analysis.

Commissioner Fowler suggested directing staff to research if the consultant had compared all three systems, to ask the City of Sanford and Sarasota County officials to come to a Board meeting and talk about their experience with the vacuum sewer system, and to contact the grant agencies regarding possible grant extensions.

Mr. McLaurin addressed Commissioner Bartell's question regarding the contractor that had bid for the project last year (Danella Construction) by stating that the

contractor had said he would hold his bid; however, he needed immediate guidance from the Board.

Commissioner Fowler withdrew his motion and Commissioner Phillips withdrew her second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to table the decision on the type of sewer system until the next Board meeting in order to determine the continued availability of the grants, to make sure that the consultant compared the different types of sewer systems, and to ask representatives of Sarasota County and the City of Sanford to come to a Board meeting to discuss their experience with the vacuum sewer system.

Commissioner Damato expressed concern with losing the grants, the contractor withdrawing his bid, and the increase in construction costs. He stated that a decision needed to be made today.

Commissioner Phillips stated that she was ready to make a decision today on the vacuum sewer system even though she did not support constructing a sewer system in Chassahowitzka. She continued to endorse the vacuum sewer system for an environmentally sensitive area.

Commissioner Fowler stated that he believed waiting until the next meeting in order to gather the information would not hurt a project of this magnitude.

Commissioner Bartell agreed with Commissioner Damato regarding the need to make a decision today. He explained that he had talked to Senator Mike Fasano, Representative Charlie Dean, and the agencies regarding the grants and they were willing to hold the grant funding; however, he had concern with losing the bid. He added that he believed that Mr. McLaurin had brought back the information from the City of Sanford and Sarasota County necessary for this Board to make a decision. He recommended the conventional gravity sewer system because it was a known design, the County knew how it worked, and because the Chassahowitzka River was dying.

Commissioner Fowler withdrew his motion and Commissioner Phillips withdrew her second.

Commissioner Phillips stated that her solution would be to have the people of Chassahowitzka take personal responsibility for their homes and make sure that their septic systems were properly maintained. She added that the studies had not convinced her that if a central sewer system were installed the Chassahowitzka River would be better than it was today. She mentioned another solution would be for the Board to take the initiative to adopt a septic tank inspection program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bartell to proceed with the conventional gravity sewer system for the Chassahowitzka Sewer Project.

Commissioner Valentino concurred with Commissioner Phillips regarding the septic tank inspections. She said that many residents had taken responsibility by replacing their septic systems. She added that she had not been in favor of the installation of central water and sewer because it encouraged development and therefore she would not support the motion.

Commissioner Bartell mentioned that one of the goals from the Goal Setting Session was to prohibit increasing density and intensity in the environmentally sensitive areas, which would address the Commissioners' concern of encouraging development.

Commissioner Fowler concurred with Commissioner Damato's comment that the motion included the expansion of the project to the US 19 corridor to lower the assessment cost.

Commissioner Phillips stated that she had a major concern with sinking conventional sewer lines and the potential for sewerage overflow in the Chassahowitzka areas, and could not support the motion.

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

The Chairman replied to Bernie Leven's question about the grant received by the City of Crystal River for a wastewater project by stating that the County did not qualify because that grant was only for small communities (municipalities). Commissioner Damato added that some of the work under that grant would be completed in part of Citrus County (Fort Island Trail and portions of Kings Bay).

The Chairman called a question on the motion. Motion carried. Voting aye: Commissioners Bartell, Damato, and Fowler. Voting nay: Commissioners Phillips and Valentino.

<p>The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 3:40 P.M.</p>

Assistant County Attorney Michele Lieberman polled the Board for ex parte communications and all Commissioners disclosed that there had been no previous communications regarding applications AA-05-15 and AA-06-01.

2-F ***ATLAS AMENDMENT AA-05-15, CRYSTAL ENGINEERING AND J & K CONSULTANTS FOR PLOKELMAN/FAIRWAY INVESTMENTS***

Amy Pace, Community Development Division (CDD) Coordinator, showed a slide presentation and described the property as the middle 600 feet of three tracts located in River Glen Subdivision in Crystal River, west of US 19. Sue Farnsworth, Environmental Planner, CDD, stated that this application was to rezone the property from LDR (Low Density Residential) to GNC (General Commercial) on the Land Development Code (LDC) Atlas. She explained that the front 400 feet of the parcel was already zoned GNC and the rear portion of the property was zoned Coastal and Lakes (CL). She advised that the property was in the commercial corridor, the property was GNC on the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM), the applicant had jurisdictional wetland delineation performed on the property, and the request was reconfigured to eliminate the deeper wetlands on the

western edge of the property. She added that staff was recommending approval for the revised request, and she read the findings of fact into the record.

Wayne Walker with Crystal Engineering complimented staff for their thoroughness throughout the process. He emphasized that the CL section in the rear of the property was there to provide an additional buffer to the conservation lands beyond the property. He replied to Commissioner Damato's question regarding the depth of the property by stating that it was approximately 1,250 feet.

The Chairman opened the public portion of the workshop and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or in opposition. With no public comment, the Chairman closed the public portion of the workshop.

Mr. Maidhof stated that the public hearing would be held on April 11, 2006, at 5:01 P.M.

2-G **ATLAS AMENDMENT AA-06-01 - FRANKLIN L. STORK III**

Mrs. Pace showed a slide presentation and described the property as a 1.6-acre parcel located north of SR 44 in the Inverness area. Mrs. Farnsworth explained that the parcel was in the CL area and was a residence formerly designated as MXU (Mixed Use) and then converted to CL due to the residential structure on the property. She advised that the new owner of the property was interested in converting the house to a small business operation, that the property appeared to have enough upland area to provide all of the improvements necessary, and the property was located in a mixed-use corridor including both commercial and residential. She added that staff was recommending approval, and she read the findings of fact into the record.

The Chairman opened the public portion of the workshop and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or in opposition. With no public comment, the Chairman closed the public portion of the workshop.

Mr. Maidhof announced that the public hearing would be held April 11, 2006, at 5:05 P.M. (3:47 P.M.)

2-H **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (EDC) FUNDING AGREEMENT**

Mr. Wesch stated that on February 28, 2006, the Board requested staff to invite representatives of the EDC to attend this meeting for a discussion of EDC issues.

Jack Reynolds, president of the EDC, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the EDC (filed with the Clerk's agenda), which he said became a public/private partnership in 2001 when a contract was developed between the County and the business community detailing the responsibilities of the respective parties and the EDC's goals, objectives, and policies. He stated that the organization was a 27-member board with diverse representation including one Commissioner. He named various businesses and industries associated with the EDC. He explained that the three-year contract was subject to annual appropriations by the County, and based upon the anticipated success of the goals, the Board included the EDC as an economic development element of the COMP and agreed to use a portion (40 percent) of the Occupational License Fee Fund to subsidize the EDC.

He specified that since its inception, the EDC had sought to diversify the economy working to create or retain primary employers outside of Citrus County whose sales and growth helped increased the wealth in the community and provided higher wage opportunities. He reported that the EDC had facilitated the creation or retention of 78 jobs per year, performed economic studies, and provided quarterly and annual reports to the Board. He mentioned that one comparable county's public/private partnership for economic development was 95 percent publicly funded with all occupational license fee revenues dedicated to the organization, and another county's economic development organization was 100 percent publicly funded. He advised that the EDC had contributed over \$429,000, excluding the occupational license fee revenue, and the County funded just over 70 percent of the EDC's total funding.

He discussed some of the accomplishments of the EDC, including their assistance in creating a grant for the expansion of central water on SR 44, funding \$45,000 in private contributions from financial institutions that enabled 15 businesses to obtain small loans, and establishing an information technology council for the County. He added that based on the efforts of the partners and volunteers, the EDC had met all the terms of the contract and had fulfilled the economic development element of the COMP.

Rose Fagler, community relations manager for Progress Energy, commented that Progress Energy participated with the EDC in economic development and employee involvement, and Mike Olive, representing Progress Energy on the EDC, voiced strong support of the EDC. He stated that Progress Energy had dedicated considerable resources and funding to the EDC, believed a strong EDC was beneficial to the citizens and taxpayers, and would continue to bring good jobs to the County.

Teresa Bell, co-chair of CITA (Citrus Information Technology Alliance), stated that the EDC was the catalyst for the creation of CITA, recognizing that information technology businesses were environmentally friendly and could bring higher paying jobs to the County. She explained that CITA was beneficial in establishing her own business, Citrus Networking Solutions Group, which would not have occurred without the EDC's vision and support. She further stated that she had no objection to paying fees to support the EDC, and urged the Board to recognize and support the EDC to create clean, high paying jobs for future economic viability.

Debbie Gardner, business manager for Technology Conservation Group (TCG), informed the Board that Brett Wattles (EDC Executive Director) was instrumental in helping TCG renegotiate a lease in their current facility, thereby saving 75 jobs.

Patty Silvey, vice-president of SunTrust Bank and committee chairperson for the Micro Loan Program, stated that the EDC had provided 15 loans totaling \$45,000 to County businesses. She explained that the funding for the loans were donations from local financial institutions, the account balance to date was \$23,800, and this program was one way the EDC provided job opportunities so small businesses could get started.

John Siefert, treasurer of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), spoke in favor of the EDC and read a letter from Jim Morton, Century 21 Real Estate, Inc., (filed with the Clerk's agenda) supporting the EDC and the 160 good paying jobs in the County,

which would not have been possible without the involvement, liaison, and advise from Mr. Wattles.

Commissioner Valentino commended the EDC and the efforts of Mr. Wattles and all members; however, she said it was time for the EDC to be independent and for the Board to discontinue monetary support. Mr. Reynolds replied that an independent study using 2004 data specific to 47 Florida economic development organizations indicated that 84 percent were organized as public/private partnerships, 12 percent were direct public organizations, and only 4 percent were private.

Commissioner Fowler voiced support of the EDC and said that after years of failure with economic development, this organization was established to help expand the tax base and bring jobs to the County. He stated that without an economic development element, the County would not be a viable community because the building industry would cease to drive the economy when there was nowhere else to build, and the tax burden would fall upon the seniors. He further stated that even though the EDC had met all conditions of the contract, he was surprised to hear that the EDC was not meeting the expectations of some Board members.

Mr. Reynolds expressed appreciation to the Board for their comments, and stated that the EDC had received public and private input within the last quarter, and were working on constructive comments and new membership to ensure a positive perception and to meet feasible expectations.

He responded to Commissioner Fowler's question regarding the success of the Micro Loan Program by stating that a number of companies would not be in business today if not for the assistance of the EDC.

Commissioner Phillips remarked that the EDC was a struggling public/private partnership when it was first established, and that she did not offer support until a performance-based contract was written; however, once the changes were made, she supported the EDC funding agreement and public dollars from the Occupational License Fee Fund. She added that she was also surprised to hear there was a problem; however, the presentation today revealed that the EDC had met the performance part of the contract and demonstrated a good return on the investment. She further stated that it was important to recognize that all members of the EDC were volunteers, and she complimented the EDC for fulfilling their obligations of communication and providing quarterly and annual reports; however, she would listen to the concerns of all the Commissioners to decide whether any improvements should be made.

Commissioner Damato commented that the tireless work of the EDC's volunteers was acknowledged, admired, and appreciated, but the County was very limited with sites lacking in the vital infrastructure required by business and industry. He stated that the price of land, engineering, planning, permitting, and construction was affordable only to a select few, a suitable well-trained workforce was nonexistent for existing or expansion of new businesses because of the age demographics, there was limited workforce housing available, and 72 percent of all income in this County was unearned. He further stated that Citrus County was a retirement and recreational community and because of those components, the EDC needed a new focus and funding source totally from the private

business sector. He added that it would be more apropos if the Board took control of the existing economic funding to provide investment and infrastructure improvements to existing businesses that would pay into an account with their yearly occupational license fees. He added that the Board should move in his proposed direction, discontinue funding of the EDC, and allow it to be completely funded, operated, and accountable to the private sector.

The Board continued discussing the purpose and the advantages and disadvantages of the EDC.

Mr. Wattles addressed Commissioner Damato's comments about the ability to support industry compared to larger areas by stating that through state and federal programs, this County could become more competitive. He gave the example of the Pro-Line Boat business with \$150,000 invested locally and \$1,500,000 from state and federal levels. He also spoke about the QTI (Qualified Targeted Industry) Program that would provide a percentage match for all taxes generated by new companies locating to this County. He advised that impact fees could be partially offset through the Job Growth Development Fund. He added that the Occupational License Fee Fund was the foundation for the public/private partnership between the Board and the EDC.

Mr. Wattles explained to Commissioner Valentino that he had another job as a consultant, but devoted more hours to the EDC. He added that originally he was supposed to dedicate 20 hours per week to the EDC; however, the job entailed much more time.

Commissioner Bartell commented that he was critical and skeptical of the EDC in the beginning; however, they had done an excellent job. He said that performance-base was the key for measuring success and membership was the key for funding the EDC. He stated that although volunteers were the forefront of the EDC, it was a public/private partnership and he did not think economic development would survive without dollars from the Occupational License Fee Account. He remarked that he was still committed to the EDC because it was in the COMP, the results had shown the EDC had met its performance-based obligations, communication was good, and there had been no concerns until it was brought up at the Goal Setting Session. He suggested that the EDC might have to make adjustments in the type of clients they sought in trying to compete against other areas, but he felt that people wanted to locate to Citrus County because of the quality of life; therefore, he would continue to support the EDC with increased membership being a key factor.

Commissioner Bartell then asked why the contract was written for three years when the funding was annual, and Mr. Reynolds explained that the Board originally wanted a three-year contract based on annual funding; however, the EDC considered it as an annual agreement.

Commissioner Bartell suggested that the EDC share the reasons for failures in attracting businesses for the Board to consider, and Commissioner Fowler recommended that the EDC develop an action plan for attracting new business, and that the EDC and the Board could work together in solving problems. Mr. Reynolds stated that he appreciated

the suggestions, and advised that the EDC was working on those problems. He pointed out that Mr. Maidhof provided significant input to the EDC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the 2006 Economic Development Council Funding Agreement.

After a short discussion, the Board agreed to wait until the contract expired before amending it to a one-year term.

Mr. Wesch clarified for Commissioner Valentino that the three-year term of the agreement provided certainty to the EDC and direction to staff to include funding in the annual budget. Commissioner Bartell further explained that if the majority of the Board did not approve funding the EDC during the budget process, there would be no contract and the public/private partnership would cease to exist.

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to address the issue.

Hans Witter, a member of the Citrus County Council (CCC), read a letter written by Morris Harvey (included in the backup materials) expressing the CCC Fiscal Watch Committee's opposition to the continued public funding of the EDC. He then stated that the Pine Ridge Civic Association (Association) questioned the number of jobs created, incentives offered to employees for moving to Citrus County where affordable housing was nonexistent, the success of job retention, if the EDC had ever submitted a budget, and the EDC's justification for spending \$190,000. He remarked that the Association was against future funding of the EDC because the retirees wanted to preserve the County as a retirement haven with no commercial development.

Commissioner Valentino clarified the purpose of the Occupational License Fee Fund for Mr. Witter and advised him that the EDC did have a budget. Commissioner Fowler invited Mr. Witter and Mr. Harvey to attend an EDC meeting so they would have a better understanding of their purpose and goals.

The Chairman called a question on the motion. Motion Carried. Voting aye: Commissioners Bartell, Fowler, Phillips, and Valentino. Voting Nay: Commissioner Damato.

(4:56 P.M.)

The Chairman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 5:23 P.M.

2-1 ***ATLAS AMENDMENT, AA-05-14, PAUL FURMAN OF MCKEAN & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR JIM BROWN***

Mrs. Lieberman polled the Board for ex parte communications. Commissioner Damato informed that he had made an unescorted site visit to the property, and all other Commissioners disclosed that they had no previous communications. Mr. Maidhof read the ordinance preamble into the record.

Mrs. Pace showed a slide presentation of the subject property known as Pelican Cove Subdivision consisting of approximately 31.17 acres located south of West State

Park Street in Crystal River. She stated that the application was to amend the Pelican Cove Master Development Plan (Plan).

Jenette B. Collins, AICP, Principal Planner, CDD, summarized the staff report given at the February 14 workshop by stating that Pelican Cove was a planned condominium development providing for two predominant phases approved for 104 units. She explained that the intent of the amendment was to allow for three duplexes on the corner of North Cove Shore Drive and West State Park Street, replacing the intent to build a tennis court. She advised that the conditions included buffering and required building setbacks from the surrounding rights-of-way and the existing pond, and the request defined an area in the southwest proximity of the project to allow for passive recreation. She reported that there had been no changes since the workshop, and she asked that staff's report and presentation at that meeting be made part of the public record.

She provided a response to a question asked by Commissioner Valentino at the workshop regarding the applicant's request to redistribute the remaining six units from the previous modification of the Plan (Ordinance No. 2002-A21). She explained that the Plan was previously amended to revise the proposed housing type from three four-plex buildings to three duplex buildings, and the request was more specific to addressing the jurisdictional wetlands setback issues. She further explained that typically an amendment would not be required to build less units than allowed, and the total number of units remained vested pursuant to Ordinance No. 90-A18, which predated the 2002 amendment. She stated that a condition of the 1990 ordinance specified that this approval was limited to a maximum of 104 dwelling units in Phases 1 and 2, and that an original development plan was typically reviewed based on gross density. She reported that staff was proposing a restated ordinance with all the preexisting conditions and new conditions, and because it was such an issue of contention, staff had adjusted the 104 units to 102 units. She advised that some units in Phase 2 were still outstanding. She added that the PDRB (Planning and Development Review Board) and staff recommended approval with 20 conditions included in exhibit "B" of staff's findings report.

Mr. Furman stated that this amendment would be the last change to the Plan and would result in a decrease of the overall number of units to 102. He further stated that there were no wetlands in the proposed area, the pond was considered a man-made surface water body, there would be no fee simple lots, the units would be similar to the others in Pelican Cove, and a stormwater management system would be designed that should not adversely impact the existing drainage or the nearby area.

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

Jim Eyster gave a brief history of Pelican Cove, Pelican Cove II, and Pelican Village, all of which he said had objections from the residents of Apalachee Point. He stated that the residents of Apalachee Point had an opportunity to purchase the subject adjoining acreage; however, they were not interested. He mentioned that when the site was first designed, the units faced Apalachee Point; however, staff felt that the people would not like to look into garage doors, and that the entrance should be interior to the Pelican Cove roadway to be consistent with the original planned development (PD). He noted that the existing trees were extremely dense so the residents of Apalachee Point

would not have to view the back of the duplexes. He distributed a brief description of the condominium (filed with the Clerk's agenda) that stated there were no recreation facilities, there were no recreation facilities that unit owners would share with other condominiums, community associations, or planned unit developments (PUD), and no recreational facilities were intended to be delivered to the condominium association.

Mr. Eyster responded to the Board's questions as follows: the three duplexes would not be participatory with other Pelican Cove projects; he had sold the property, but his involvement would be in selling the duplexes; in order to meet the flood elevation, the property would require about six foot of fill; however, stem walls would be installed so trees would not have to be destroyed.

Commissioner Phillips pointed out that although she was not present at the workshop for this item, she did view the videotape.

The Chairman then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition.

Jeff Beeler commented that Mr. Eyster did offer the property to the residents of Apalachee Point; however, since the original Plan did not permit building on the property, he felt there was no need to preserve what had already been protected by the Board. He discussed the amount of fill that would be required, and the rebuttal, petition, documents, and letters presented at the public workshop. He congratulated the Commissioners for recognizing the dangers of PUDs as a way to circumvent the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), and said he hoped they would establish future ordinances to deal with the problem of PUDs in the CHHA. He emphasized that this modification PUD would increase density, encroach on existing wetlands, affect Apalachee Point residents, and violate the SWFWMD permit by subdividing the land. He quoted policies from the COMP and the LDC pertaining to the protection of adverse impacts of adjacent uses, and said that multi-family housing was not allowed in the CHHA. He further discussed the original number of units and the negative effects of multi-family duplexes on land values, and issues of compatibility, traffic, flooding, the environment, and so on. He urged the Board to honor the COMP and the original Plan, and deny this application.

With no further comment, the Chairman closed the public portion of the hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler to adopt and authorize the Chairman to execute an ordinance amending the Atlas of the Citrus County Land Development Code, Ordinance No. 90-14, by modifying a previously approved master plan for the planned development of Pelican Cove; which property is located in Sections 17 and 18, Township 18 South, Range 17 East; amending Ordinances 89-A72, 90-A18, and 2002-A21; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; and providing for an effective date, in accordance with application AA-05-14, Paul Furman of McKean & Associates, Inc., for Jim Brown. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Maidhof answered Commissioner Phillips' question regarding amendments to PDs by stating that there was a procedure within the LDC for minor and major modifications within the PD section; however, this project did not meet that criteria because of its proximity to adjacent property; therefore, the applicant was required to go through the public hearing process. He stated that from a technical standpoint staff was

confident that the application met the COMP and LDC standards with many conditions to ensure proper development. He added that if the amendment were approved, there would be no more building in Pelican Cove; however, the compatibility issue remained the decision of the Board.

Mr. Maidhof replied to Commissioner Bartell's questions concerning wetlands on the property and mitigation by stating that there was a water mitigation site on this particular tract of land, but it was man created, and staff looked to setbacks.

Commissioner Damato stated that he visited the site after the public workshop and noted that there were not only wetlands, but there was a natural or man-made water body, the property was very heavily wooded, and it would be hard to determine the elevation, so he felt the property was inappropriate for multi-family development. Commissioner Bartell concurred and stated that the requirement for six foot of fill convinced him that multi-family use was not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood in the CHAA.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell and seconded by Commissioner Valentino the Board denied application AA-05-14, Paul Furman of McKean & Associates, Inc., for Jim Brown. Voting aye: Commissioners Bartell, Damato, Phillips, and Valentino. Voting nay: Commissioner Fowler. (5:53 P.M.)

7- **COMMISSIONER GARY BARTELL, CHAIRMAN**

7-A **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Chairman announced expiration of terms for a real estate representative position, an affordable housing provider position, a low-income advocate position, and two member-at-large positions on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for terms that would expire April 25, 2006, and the new terms would be for two years.

10- **COMMISSIONER VICKI PHILLIPS**

10-A **WATERS RISK MANAGEMENT REMUNERATION AUDIT - ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.**

Commissioner Phillips discussed the remuneration audit dated February 8, 2006, by Waters Risk Management (Waters) regarding the County's utilization of agent/broker services of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Gallagher) to determine if the County had overpaid. She advised that the report did not discover any overcharges to the County per contractual arrangements; however, there were no competitive solicitations for insurance agents and service providers, so Gallagher was allowed to charge usual customary fees. She mentioned that the County had received \$12,690.16 from Gallagher and that staff was waiting for an explanation of those funds. She declared that the entire report suggested that the County did not competitively bid for the services and therefore overpaid. She recommended that staff prepare an Administrative Regulation (AR) requiring that all insurance services be competitively bid at least every three years and when insurance services were awarded, any contractual agreement should contain specifics regarding percentages, fees, or commissions to be paid as recommended by Mr. Waters in his report, and the documents should also specify services to be received for what fees. She added that this directive would give clear direction to the County Administrator about the products going through the bid process due to continual market changes.

She mentioned that she was not present at the February 24, 2006, Board meeting when the Board authorized staff to proceed with the RFP for brokerage services to assist in the bidding and selection of providers for the employee benefits programs (consent agenda item 3-VV). She quoted statements from the Waters report about health insurance benefits and expressed concern that the County would be paying almost \$100,000 in commissions to Gallagher when the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield did not indicate those fees. She said that she must know what services Gallagher was providing for \$100,000 that might go toward reducing employee premiums.

Mr. Wesch replied to Commissioner Fowler's question about staff having an insurance expert by stating that Randy Petitt (Human Resources Director) could make recommendations, but he would not classify him as an expert. He stated that he concurred with staff's recommendation on February 14 that the County would benefit from brokerage services.

Commissioner Phillips informed that the Sheriff's Office, the School Board, and other counties did not use insurance brokers, and that Blue Cross Blue Shield provided individuals to discuss insurance needs for employees. She requested that staff provide assurance that broker services were needed before proceeding with the RFP, that the \$97,000 charge for services be outlined, and that staff evaluate other counties to find out how they handled insurance matters.

Mr. Wesch gave an example of broker services received in 2004/2005 that resulted in a \$504,000 savings in the premium renewal factor of 4 percent versus a preliminary number of 16 percent quoted by a Blue Cross Blue Shield representative. He pointed out that staff agreed with the Waters report that such services should be fee based and not percentage based. He added that a broker could present a pool of all their businesses and negotiate rates on a larger scale.

Discussion ensued regarding rate negotiations, staff requiring guidance and expertise in technical and complicated contracts, an explanation of the value of \$97,000 in broker services, and so forth.

Mr. Petitt explained that employee health plans consisted of various components requiring the expertise of a broker. He stated that brokers talked with the industry, reviewed numerous plans and packages, negotiated premiums, provided technical assistance, and determined the best package to meet the needs of the employees. He stated that in one instance the broker had advised staff of a requirement on correctly notifying retirees and members about the County's coverage versus Medicare Part D.

He explained the RFP process for broker services to Commissioner Phillips and stated that those services would not be restricted to only insurance companies the brokers dealt with. He further stated that insurance providers would be bidding under the County's name for the employee benefits program and appropriate staff members would make the decision for the policy recommendation to the Board.

Discussion continued as follows: broker services should be fee based; Blue Cross Blue Shield having control over provider business in Citrus County; contacting the Florida Association of Counties about bundling employee benefits insurance; using a

broker to determine if the County should be self-insured; Av-Med, Aetna, and other insurance companies starting a provider network in the County to compete with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and so forth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Valentino to direct staff to prepare an Administration Regulation requiring all insurance services be competitively bid at least every three years, and when insurance services were awarded any contractual agreement shall contain specifics regarding the percentages, fees, or commissions to be paid.

Commissioner Bartell left the meeting.

Mr. Pettit explained to Commissioner Fowler that the premiums would be negotiated annually based upon a number of factors. Mr. Wesch added that staff would circulate the RFP for the Board's review in terms of services to be provided.

Commissioner Fowler called a question on the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

(6:22 P.M.)

12- **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

12-A **CONSTRUCTION VARIANCE REQUEST - WESTFORD VILLAS I (PLT-05-06)**

Mr. Battista reviewed a request for a construction variance for a drainage easement right-of-way width from 30 to 10 feet. He stated that the DPS recommended approval and the Engineering Division (ED) recommended approval with the condition that specific language be incorporated on the final plat and in the Citrus Hills Development POA (Property Owners Association) covenants stating that the POA and the developer would be responsible for the drainage easements.

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a construction variance request from the developers of Westford Villas I (PLT-05-06) from the drainage easement right-of-way width requirements of the Land Development Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineering Division.

12-B **CONSTRUCTION VARIANCE REQUEST - SKYVIEW VILLAS III (PLT 05-25)**

Mr. Battista stated that this request and recommended action was the same as the previous item.

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a construction variance request from the developers of Skyview Villas III from the drainage easement right-of-way width requirements of the Land Development Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineering Division.

12-C **FINAL PLAT - APPLICATION NO. PLT-05-10, HIGH RIDGE VILLAGE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Valentino, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized the Chairman

to execute the Final Plat of High Ridge Village and the Improvement Agreement, and directed the Clerk to record the documents in the public records.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Fowler adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Chairman