

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

Attorney: Robert B. Battista and Michele Slingerland, Assistant


Administrator: Richard Wm. Wesch and Kenneth E. Saunders, Jr., Assistant


Clerks: Betty Strifler, Clerk; Glenda Brown and Theresa Steelfox, Deputy Clerks


The Chairwoman called the meeting to order, Commissioner Fowler gave the invocation, and Commissioner Bartell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.


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

2-A **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

 Russell Hackett addressed item 2-G (Business Park Economic Feasibility Study) and shared his vision for an upscale airport that everyone could be proud of, including the accommodation of airplane hangars for residents to lease, a small airport transportation service, a business park, and modern attractive facilities. (1:06 P.M.)

 Chester Bradshaw, chairman of FROGS (Friends of the Green Swamp Watershed, Inc.), spoke about Bid Committee Report item 3-XX.1 (Parsons Point Restoration), concerning a contract to remove 3,000 to 4,000 yards of fill (tussock material) from Parsons Point and transfer it to a borrow pit. He mentioned that there had been criticism about this project for years, and that there were resolutions requesting that the landowners remove those fills between the islands and restore the lake system to its natural condition. He added that if the holes (borrow pits) were filled up between the islands the restoration project would be lost. He urged the Board to consider this issue carefully. Chairwoman Phillips stated that the item would be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. (1:07 P.M.)

 William McFall requested that the Board consider cleaning up the plant matter (grasses, weeds, hydrilla) growing on Pine Lake that was causing stagnated water and a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mr. Wesch suggested that Mr. McFall provide his address and phone number and staff would contact him about the situation. (1:09 P.M.)

 Murrell Hounshell requested a copy of the document that required persons who had well water to connect to a private water company in the Floral City area. He mentioned that he could not afford the \$1,000 to \$1,500 connection fee, and that a Floral City Water employee told him there was financial assistance; however, it did not apply to mobile homes. He questioned if wells installed prior to the date of this mandate were grandfathered in and if property owners must use certain contractors to connect to the

water system. Chairwoman Phillips stated that staff would make certain Mr. Hounshell received a copy of the ordinance regarding the requirement to connect to a central water system. Mr. Wesch explained that the Floral City Water Association administered the connection timeline, fee, and payment plans; however, staff would look into the matter and provide that information to Mr. McFall. He further explained that the Board had made a policy decision requiring everyone to connect to a community water source whenever it became available due to the evidence that central water service was better for the environment. He added that the Housing Services Division staff would be happy to research financial assistance that might be available to help Mr. McFall. (1:16 P.M.)

3- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board pulled items 3-L (Special Assessment District - Inverness Village Unit 4), 3-XX.1 (Parsons Point Restoration), and 3-XX.2 (Citrus County Resource Center/VA Clinic) for discussion, approved the balance of the following consent agenda items, and authorized the Chairwoman to execute all related documents:

3-A Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2005.

3-B Payroll registers dated April 12, 2005, at \$540,673.22, and dated April 14, 2005, at \$28,739.30. Accounts Payable register dated April 22, 2005, at \$4,468,682.48. Emergency register dated April 26, 2005, at \$17,022.75.

3-C Budget Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-083

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE REFORESTATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners collects funds for reforestation efforts; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for trees and landscaping; 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 2004-05; 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:

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.

ADOPTED, in regular session this 26th day of April 2005, by the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners.

ATTEST:

/s/ Betty Strifler

BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ Vicki Phillips

VICKI PHILLIPS, CHAIRWOMAN

EXHIBIT "A"			
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Revenues	008-400-200	Cash Carry Forward	\$5,000
Expenditures	008-5765-55200	Operating Supplies	\$5,000

3-D Budget Transfers: **Engineering:** \$17,819 from #102-9998-60050 to #4104-56400. **Citrus Springs Municipal Services Benefit Unit:** \$4,000 from #730-8200-55216 to #59162. **Development Services Department:** \$3,000 from #107-2781-51200 to #51306.

3-E Satisfactions of Liens by and on behalf of the Citrus County Municipal Service Taxing Unit for Water and Wastewater Utility Services with Willie Thomas and Bill's Countryside Motors.

3-F Releases of Liens for special assessments that had been paid in full: Resolution No. 86-29, reconfirmed by Resolution No. 93-216 for Judith A. and Raymond R. Corriveau, Sr., Alternate Key (AK) No. 1116066 (H). Resolution No. 99-099 for Paul F. and Miriam E. Hafele, AK No. 2265299 (Z), and Harry and Minerva Rosenblum, AK No. 1653144 (Z). Resolution No. 2001-202 for James K. Cheek Jr., and Layne A. Talmage Cheek, AK No. 1012431 (1D). Resolution No. 2004-174 for Oscar and Joan Hall, AK No. 1696046 (4B). Resolution No. 2004-184 for Richard J. Lotito, AK No. 3261656 (4G), a combination of AK Nos. 2446102 and 2414391, Builders of Williston and Larry Grant and E. L. Spires, AK No. 3259094 (4G), a portion of AK No. 2928107, Lot 32, and AK No. 3259082 (4G), a portion of AK No. 2928107, Lot 31.

3-G March 2005 write-offs of uncollectible accounts at \$996.61 payable to Citrus County Utilities.

3-H Receipt of the Citrus County Mosquito Control District Financial Statements and Supplementary Information dated September 30, 2004.

3-I Receipt of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2004.

3-J Deletion of the following items from the County's capital asset list:

Courts - Dell Computer Systems	
Identification Number	Condition
14963	obsolete
14218	obsolete

13909	obsolete
15694	obsolete
Detention Center - Milnor Washing Machine	
Identification Number	Condition
11973	not repairable

3-K Waived late fees and interest totaling \$215.94 on Tourist Development Tax payment from Ric Stocker of Sugarmill Woods Sales, Inc.

3-M A revised resolution authorizing the deferral of impact fee remittance within the Nature Coast Landing Phase 4 until individual unit sites were occupied.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-084

3-N **(1)** Acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from the Citrus County School Board for Parcel 72000, Villa Terrace Unit 10, Homosassa for a drainage retention area, and **(2)** that the deed be recorded in the public records.

3-O Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., WMS Division Agreement to Provide Services for pharmaceutical benefits management, related services, and point-of-sale electronic processing of pharmacy claims beginning April 26, 2005.

3-P A Notice of Commencement with Roof USA LLC to be included in the permit application package for re-roofing Road Maintenance Satellite Building No. 5.

3-Q A resolution to adopt the Citrus County Local Mitigation Strategy in order to meet the federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000. **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-085**

3-R Commissioner Phillips' travel on March 10, 2005, to the Policy Board Meeting of the Florida Regional Councils Association held on March 11, 2005, which was requested and paid in full by the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council.

3-S Credit Update Application with Wilcor International, Inc., a vendor for the Chassahowitzka River Campground.

3-T **(1)** Acceptance of the donation of a Permanent Drainage Easement Deed from Herbert H. and Lola Law for Lots 35 and 36 Withlacoochee Homes for drainage improvements and maintenance, and **(2)** that the deed be recorded in the public records.

3-U A proclamation declaring May 2005 "Civility Month".

3-V An agreement with Anna Moo (Good Moo's Productions) for two arts and humanities programs to be performed at the Citrus Springs Community Center on July 20, 2005.

3-W Staff's request to submit the County Road (CR) 491 Central Ridge Park Turn Lanes Project as the one candidate project to the Florida Department of Transportation

(FDOT) for consideration of inclusion in the Small County Outreach Program for fiscal year 2006-2007 funding.

3-X (1) Florida Medicaid Provider Re-enrollment Application (Provider No. 084215096) and FDLA Criminal History Check and Fingerprinting Exemption Request, and (2) Non-Institutional Medicaid Provider Agreement.

3-Y (1) Florida Medicaid Provider Re-enrollment Application (Provider No. 084215098) and FDLA Criminal History Check and Fingerprinting Exemption Request for Provider No. 084215098, and (2) Non-Institutional Medicaid Provider Agreement.

3-Z Settlement and payment of \$6,646.05 for a claim concerning property damage that occurred on November 2, 2004, involving James Maney and a Citrus County vehicle.

3-AA Travel request for the Commissioners and the Administrator to attend the Florida Association of Counties 76th Annual Conference & Educational Exposition June 21 through 24, 2005, in Tampa.

3-BB Appointments of the following individuals to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for terms that would expire on April 25, 2007:

1. James E. Stanina to fill the banking representative position
2. Willie White to fill the residential building industry position
3. Tara Bryant to fill an at-large position

3-CC A resolution authorizing the application and execution of a contract for funding of a Department of Elder Affairs Program for the Senior Companion Program beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, in an amount to be determined.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-086

3-DD Addendum to Transit Advertising Agreement with Media Graphics, Inc., of Central Florida to place advertising on the exterior of the Transit Section Buses beginning April 26, 2005, and ending November 27, 2006, per the schedule of transit advertising rates.

3-EE Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) totaling \$291,842.25 with a local match of \$97,280.75 for upgrading overhead doors and providing window protection against high wind hazards at 16 fire stations.

3-FF Arbitration settlement with Barbara Geer and payment of \$11,482.39 for wage differences and an amount not to exceed \$849 in Florida retirement benefits.

3-GG The transfer of the Court Alternatives Program and Teen Court Program to the Community Services Department effective May 1, 2005.

3-HH Contract for Engineering Services with Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt, Inc., at \$48,541 to prepare the Roadway Level of Service Analysis.

3-II A request by Rick Nelson, National Day of Prayer Coordinator, to use the Historic Courthouse steps and electrical outlets for the annual observance of the National Day of Prayer beginning at noon and lasting approximately one hour on Thursday, May 5, 2005.

3-JJ A resolution opposing Senate Bill 1850 and House Bill 1497, regarding local governments' authority to regulate billboards. **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-087**

3-KK Settlement and payment of \$7,500 to claimant Frederick Beckner for a workers compensation claim that occurred October 8, 2003.

3-LL A resolution authorizing an application and contract for funding of aging programs with Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging to provide services under Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Program beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006. **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-088**

3-MM (1) Agreement for Professional Services with Hoyle, Tanner, & Associates, Inc., at \$300,000 for developing a business plan and rate study for the Citrus County Utility System, and (2) the related budget transfer: **Utilities Division**: \$136,000 from #450-9000-60080 to #-53100.

3-NN Settlement and payment of \$5,348.10 to Louis O'Dwyer for property damage due to an accident involving a County vehicle on January 12, 2005.

3-OO→RR Public hearings set as follows at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue in Inverness to consider amendments to the Land Development Code (LDC) Ordinance No. 90-14:

Public Hearings	Applications
Workshop: May 24, 2005, at 3:00 P.M. Hearing: June 14, 2005, at 5:01 P.M.	D-04-01 - Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) Beverly Hills Development of Regional Impact
Workshop: May 24, 2005, at 3:15 P.M. Hearing: June 14, 2005, at 5:01 P.M.	Atlas Amendment (AA)-05-03 - John and Edna Skaggs
Workshop: May 24, 2005, at 3:30 P.M. Hearing: June 14, 2005, at 5:01 P.M.	AA-05-04 - A.T. and Ida Mae Carroll
Workshop: May 24, 2005, at 3:45 P.M. Hearing: June 14, 2005, at 5:01 P.M.	AA-05-05 - Agnes Faye Bellamy

3-SS A public hearing set for May 10, 2005, at 3:15 P.M. at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue in Inverness to consider amending Chapter 86 of the Citrus County Code dealing with special assessments.

3-TT Staff's ranking of firms for solid waste engineering, planning and environmental services and master agreements (RFQ 077-04) upon receipt from CH2M Hill, Jones, Edmunds & Associates, R.W. Beck, and SCS Engineers.

3-UU Staff's ranking of firms for financial advisor services and the Financial Advisory Agreement with the top ranked firm First Southwest Company.

3-VV The following correction initiated by the Office of Management and Budget to Board minutes dated January 25, 2005, item 3-C, Resolution No. 2005-011, Exhibit "A":

Expenditures ~~182F-5348F-51204 Salaries — Site Manager 5,495~~
182F-5348F-51204 Salaries – Site Manager 5,492

3-WW Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-GC, Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases, and Installment Sales to report debt obligations entered into by the Library Services Division.

3-XX Bid Committee Report: **(3) Bid Waiver Request, Utilities Division (UD), equipment rental:** waived bid procedures and allowed UD to utilize Highland Tractor Company for the rental of a loader with 48 inch pallet forks and a bucket at \$3,200 per month plus delivery and pick up at \$125 each way; and **(4) Bid No. 066-05, Housing Services Division, home repairs:** awarded EM 2004-002 at the base bid total of \$16,300 to Donle Enterprises, Inc., as the only bidder for this project.

3-L **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - INVERNESS VILLAGE UNIT 4**

Commissioner Fowler stated that this request was to establish a special assessment district for paving public roads and providing central water to Inverness Village Unit 4 between State Road (SR) 41 and SR 44 on the east side of Independence Boulevard. He recommended that staff also include central sewer in the process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bartell to approve staff's request to proceed with the process to establish a special assessment district for Inverness Village Unit 4 for paving public roads and providing central water.

Commissioner Fowler explained to Commissioner Damato that the sewer lines would be connected to the Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant and he thought there was a sewer line on SR 44. He added that this was an opportunity to provide all the services at the same time, the Chairman concurred, and Mr. Wesch stated that the suggestion would be added to the discussions.

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

(1:19 P.M.)

3-XX.1 **PARSONS POINT RESTORATION**

Ken Frink, Public Works Director, gave a brief history of the Parsons Point Restoration Project and stated that staff would be happy to work with Mr. Bradshaw on alternatives for the tussock material. He requested approval of this item and authorization from the Board to work with Mr. Bradshaw.

Commissioner Bartell questioned if an alternative disposal site would affect the bid with the contractor. Mr. Frink replied that the bid was based on hauling distance, but the contract designated only that the material needed to be disposed at an upland location, so there was flexibility.

Commissioner Fowler inquired if some of the benefit would accrue to the County if the disposal fee were lowered. Commissioner Valentino asked if the cost would be higher because the alternative disposal site was farther away, and she was worried about delaying the project. She said that she had been concerned about the differences in the prices of the bids, but that staff had assured her they would be supervising the project.

Mr. Frink suggested that Mr. Bradshaw meet with Mark Edwards, Aquatic Services Director, and then staff would offer a recommendation to the Board.

Commissioner Fowler stated that it was a nice gesture by Mr. Bradshaw; however, bids had already been taken, commitments had been made, and it was a little late to change the project unless there was a clause in the contract that stated the County would accrue some of the benefits of a lower disposal rate. Commissioner Bartell concurred, but stated that he was more worried about an increase in the price. He also shared Commissioner Valentino's concerns regarding the disparity between bids and stated that it was not always prudent to go with the lowest bid. Commissioner Phillips agreed.

Commissioner Bartell remarked that he did not understand Mr. Bradshaw's concerns about the natural flow of the water between the lakes if this was an approved upland disposal site. Mr. Frink advised that SWFWMD funded half of this project, and they had reviewed the bids prior to submittal and were aware of the disposal sites.

Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board awarded Bid No. 046-05, Aquatic Services Division, Parsons Point restoration and contract to Turnball Environmental at \$46,500 as the lowest bidder.

(1:24 P.M.)

3-XX.2 **CITRUS COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER/VA CLINIC**

Mr. Wesch explained that this item pertained to a contract awarded to Caldwell Construction Company, Inc., for reconstruction and renovation of the Citrus County Resource Center/VA Clinic. He clarified that the backup material listed the base bid of \$3,339,011; however, staff was requesting that the Board authorize the inclusion of Bid Alternate No. 1 that would allow for the rehabilitation of the pool structure at the facility and a new bid amount of \$3,407,461.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Damato to (1) award Bid No. 070-05 to Caldwell Construction Company, Inc., at \$3,339,011 with the addition of Bid Alternate No. 1 at \$68,450 for a total bid of \$3,407,461, and (2) authorize the Chairwoman to execute the agreement and notice of commencement.

Mr. Wesch confirmed for Commissioner Bartell that this amount was for renovation of the entire building and the Veterans Administration would reimburse a portion of that amount for the space they would lease and occupy.

The Chairwoman called a question on the motion and the motion carried unanimously. (1:26 P.M.)

2-B **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - TERRI MOORE**

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to execute a certificate of recognition to Terri Moore for her commitment and dedication to youth sports in Citrus County. (1:28 P.M.)

7- **COMMISSIONER VICKI PHILLIPS, CHAIRWOMAN**

7-A **PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**

Chairwoman Phillips stated that staff was asking the Board to select one of two presentation options for the Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Preliminary Budget Hearings that would be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, and Thursday, July 28, 2005. She further stated that examples of both options were in the County Administrator's Office.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, and carried unanimously, the Board selected Option No. 1 for the Fiscal Year 2005/2006 Preliminary Budget Hearings for presentation on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, and Thursday, July 28, 2005. (1:29 P.M.)

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

14-A **RECOGNITION OF FRANK AND MARIAN COHEN**

Commissioner Bartell suggested for a future date, that the Board and citizens recognize the fantastic efforts of Frank and Marian Cohen for their dedication to Citrus County. The Commissioners agreed with the endeavors of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, and discussed being careful about setting precedence, recognizing people in an appropriate manner, and so on. (1:32 P.M.)

The Chairwoman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 1:50 P.M.

2-C **ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE FISH HATCHERY PROGRAM**

Lynn A. DeBose, Mosquito Control Director, gave a presentation on the Fish Hatchery Program. He stated that the Mosquito Control Agency was an independent government agency currently with 28 employees and an annual budget of about \$3,000,000. He advised that the agency had seven spray trucks, eight larvicider and

inspection trucks, and one helicopter. He described some methods of eliminating mosquitoes, such as frogs and bats; however, the *Gambusia affinis* (mosquito fish or top water minnow) was the ideal biological control agent. He reported that the Fish Hatchery had approximately 723,880 mosquito fish released in 2004, enough to treat 1,146 acres of mosquito breeding waters in Citrus and Hernando Counties. He mentioned that ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles), a suction device called a "slinger", and a replacement helicopter had been added to the Fish Hatchery facility.

He responded to Commissioner Valentino's questions about the age and price of the helicopter by stating that it was a 1976 helicopter; however, all systems had been updated to the production models of 1999 and the cost was \$365,000. (2:04 P.M.)

2-D **RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES AUDIT REPORT**

Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Clerk to the Board, presented the Risk Management Services Audit Report dated January 2005.

Commissioner Phillips thanked Mrs. Strifler and her staff for the comprehensive audit and services to the County and for taking time to meet with her individually to explain some items in the audit.

Commissioner Bartell commented that it was obvious there were many serious issues involving risk management services and questioned if an in-house risk manager would be hired this budget year rather than contracting out services. Mr. Wesch explained that in 2003 staff recognized problems in risk management and acted affirmatively to make changes. He said that staff would be happy to hire a qualified risk manager; however, since 1995 the County had gone through five risk managers, mostly unsuccessfully. He said that in April 2004, the Board approved a two-year agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher to provide risk management services, the first year was to establish a status of the County's risk management services, and the second year was to design and implement a plan of action. He added that his only concern about seeking a risk manager at this time was that the County was halfway through the renovation with Arthur J. Gallagher.

Commissioner Bartell alleged that because of potential liabilities of the County, he believed there should be an in-house risk manager who would report to the County Administrator and the Board to prevent further deficiencies. Mr. Wesch explained that some of the issues in the audit centered on third party administrators, for instance PGCS (Preferred Governmental Claim Solutions) for workers compensation and Gallagher Bassett Services (the County's insurance carrier). He stated that staff had not been satisfied with either firm and had planned to advertise RFPs (Request for Proposal) for those types of services this year. He indicated that hiring Arthur J. Gallagher during the interim period was to establish a status of risk management and together with the package offered to potential new employees would ensure success the next time staff solicited a risk manager. He admitted that risk management was not the County's most successful area, that the Clerk's audit confirmed staff's awareness of many issues, and that he appreciated the Clerk's involvement.

Commissioner Phillips concurred with Commissioner Bartell's comments about needing an in-house risk manager. She stated that the audit revealed that Barbara Flynn (the County's current insurance broker and risk manager) had been providing risk management services to Citrus County pro bono since 1998; consequently, the County had liability and exposure. She expressed apprehension that Arthur J. Gallagher was listing the assets for the County rather than the County listing the assets, causing almost a \$4,000,000 exposure in the event of a catastrophe. She declared that even though the County had not been successful in the past, an appropriate salary would attract a qualified risk manager. She further stated that an independent risk manager should address the issues, not an employee of the County's insurance company, which she believed was a direct conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Bartell to direct Mr. Wesch to include an in-house risk manager position in this year's budget.

Commissioner Phillips pointed out that the problems with risk management had not only occurred with Mr. Wesch, but also with other County Administrators. She advised that according to Ms. Flynn's contract, she only had to make a presence in this County four days a month and the contract allowed for termination without cause with 60 days written notice, which should have been included in the motion. She further stated that some employees might not want to accept a risk manager's evaluation of their department because they would identify deficiencies, exposure, and liability issues; therefore, it was important that administration support the risk manager. She added that the Board had an obligation to the citizens to make certain the County's assets were protected and liability exposure was limited, which could not be done by a risk manager who performed those duties only four days a month. The Commissioners agreed that a fulltime risk manager was needed.

Commissioner Fowler thanked Mrs. Strifler for her continuing efforts and stated that internal audits helped to identify weaknesses and demonstrated ways to make corrections and improvements. He also stated that staff had been aware of the shortcomings of risk management before this audit began and had acted affirmatively to address the problems. He expressed concern that the Clerk met with the Commissioners individually to discuss the audit without first meeting with Mr. Wesch, and he believed the public should know the matters that had been discussed in those meetings.

Mrs. Strifler addressed Commissioner Fowler's comments by stating that since the inception of the internal audit program, it had been the practice of the Clerk to review audits with the Commissioners before the Board's public meeting. She explained the audit process, which included a yearly schedule of audits that was presented to Mr. Wesch for review. She stated that Mr. Wesch could attend the initial audit conference as well as any field examination and exit audits; however, Mr. Saunders attended the meetings for this particular audit. She added that it was Mr. Wesch's decision to be involved in the internal audit at whatever level he chose. Conversation ensued between Commissioner Fowler

and Mrs. Strifler about the purpose of meeting with individual Commissioners regarding the audit, the reason Mr. Wesch was not in attendance at those meetings, and so on.

Chairwoman Phillips interjected and shared some of the questions she had asked Mrs. Strifler about the audit. She also stated that the Clerk had always offered her time to review and explain any part of an audit to individual members of the Board, and she did not feel it was necessary for Mr. Wesch or Mr. Saunders to be included in those meetings.

After further discussion, Commissioner Fowler suggested that the Clerk, the County Administrator, and the Board meet to resolve any differences of opinions regarding internal audits, and that the Clerk invite Mr. Wesch to the individual meetings. Mrs. Strifler replied that specific procedures were in place for internal audits and that for years the Clerk had offered to meet with individual Commissioners to explain an internal audit in order to reduce the details at the public meeting.

Commissioner Valentino mentioned that she often talked with the County Administrator, County Attorney, and others when she had questions or needed clarification, and that she appreciated the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Strifler concerning this audit. She added that the communication was professional and nothing personal was discussed.

Commissioner Fowler remarked that internal audits were vitally important, but reiterated that the County Administrator should be included in the meetings in order to preserve the perception of the Clerk's objectivity. Discussion followed regarding scheduling problems due to Mr. Wesch's responsibilities, Mr. Wesch being involved in the internal audit process, the Board's responsibility to direct Mr. Wesch to address deficiencies identified in audits, and so on.

Commissioner Bartell said it was unfortunate that proper etiquette and protocol was being challenged between elected officials. He specified that he often met with other elected officials outside of public meetings. He said that because this audit was not an example of how County government should operate, he did not consider it an attack on Mr. Wesch or anyone else. He mentioned that he read the audit report and expressed his concerns and there was no influence by Mrs. Strifler. He added that the proper way to solve the deficiencies was to move forward with an employee who was responsible to the Board and staff, and to correct the problems.

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

Upon motion by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board instructed Mr. Wesch to prepare a Request for Proposal for the County's insurance carrier to be brought to the Board at the appropriate time.

(2:43 P.M.)

2-E PROCLAMATION - LAW WEEK






Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved and authorized all Commissioners to execute a proclamation declaring May 1 through 7, 2005, "Law Week".

Paul Militello, president of the Citrus County Bar Association, thanked the Board for the proclamation and invited them to participate in the festivities. (2:44 P.M.)

2-F WITHLAPOPKA ISLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Wesch provided a brief history regarding the Withlapopka Isle Community Center and advised that approximately \$150,000 was allocated for reconstruction of a new facility; however, the Withlapopka Isle Community decided to donate property to the County upon which to build a new expanded facility.

Mr. Saunders stated that the Board approved \$154,000 for construction of the Withlapopka Isle Community Center, and that the two bids received (\$342,000 and \$311,000) were over budget for a 2,500 square foot building, so staff decided to reduce the building size to about half; however, no bids were submitted. He showed a PowerPoint presentation of the following:

-  The existing Withlapopka Isle Community Center was acquired in 1972 from Withlacoochee Cove Corporation
-  A shuffleboard court, basketball hoop, picnic tables, information kiosk, County boat ramp, and limited parking area adjacent to the existing community center
-  Interior of the existing building with restricted storage space, kitchen, and two small non-compliant ADA restrooms
-  Proposed 4.22-acre site ("Islander Park") donated by the Withlapopka Civic Association on July 27, 2004, which would provide a larger community building with accommodations for expanded parking and an existing play structure
-  Exterior and interior of the proposed 2,500 square foot community center.

Peggy Rushford, representing the Withlapopka Civic Association and residents of Withlapopka Isle, thanked the Board for the opportunity to express their needs for a larger community center building, and especially thanked Mr. Wesch and Mr. Saunders for their continued support and assistance. She talked about the donation of property to the County to build a new community building and requested the Board's approval of the capital improvement plan and additional monies of \$250,000, which along with the previously approved amount would cover the cost of a new building. She discussed the problems of the existing building and invited the Commissioners to tour the existing and the new proposed property sites. She gave a brief history of the association and spoke about the different functions of the community building, the lack of space, and so on. She

reiterated the request for a larger community building and provided copies of a letter detailing her comments to the Board (filed with the Clerk's agenda).

The Chairwoman informed Ms. Rushford that this issue would be considered in the Capital Improvement Program that would be discussed later in the meeting. (2:57 P.M.)

The Chairwoman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 3:12 P.M.

2-G **BUSINESS PARK ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Wesch stated that the Business Park Economic Feasibility Study (Study) was performed because of the Board's concerns regarding the feasibility of the business park aspect of the Inverness Airport Master Plan. He mentioned that the business park and the replacement and upgrade of the Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant were two of the goals to be achieved in the process. He advised that the Study was largely prepared by Dr. Seth Young, associate professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach and Doug DiCarlo, senior planner with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc., the County's airport consultants.

Mr. Frink stated that several months ago the Board directed staff to prepare a report regarding the need for a business park at the Inverness Airport, specifically, to determine whether to move forward with that development. He introduced Mr. DiCarlo and Dr. Young and stated that a representative from the FDOT was in the audience to answer any questions regarding their continued involvement in the program.

Mr. DiCarlo and Dr. Young made brief comments and then proceeded with a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Study as follows:

Previous Studies Related to Business Park Development:

- 2005 Community Economic Development Planning Summit
- 2004 Economic Development Goal Setting Study
- 2002/03 Citrus County Comprehensive Plan
- Inverness Airport Master Plan

Socio-Economic Analysis:

- Population: High percentage of citizens 50 to 80 years of age
Low percentage of citizens 20 to 49 years of age
Low percentage of citizens with high school/college degrees
- Economy: Highly dependent on health care/social services and public utility providers

Five Factors that Spur Economic Growth in priority order:

1. Human Capital
2. Available Infrastructure
3. Availability of Raw Materials
4. Area Amenities
5. Business Incentive Programs

Assessment of Factors Based on County's SWOT (Strength Weakness Opportunities and Threats) Analysis:

Scores of Aggregated Economic Development Factors (score of 3.00 - good, above 3.00 - very good to excellent, below 3.00 - needs improvement)

- Amenities - 3.47
- Human Capital - 3.01
- Available Infrastructure - 2.56
- Business Incentive Programs - 2.37

Combining Needs with Priorities - Comparing Quality with Priority

- Amenities - high quality, lower priority
- Human Capital - high quality, higher priority
- Available Infrastructure - low quality, higher priority
- Business Incentive Programs - low quality, lower priority

Summary of Analysis:

- Citrus County should take advantage of its amenities and potential for human capital to attract economic growth
- Highest priority should be to develop additional available infrastructure suitable for economic development
- Future priorities should include enhancement of business incentive programs

Need for Business Park Acreage:

- Of 8,865 acres dedicated to Professional Services/Office, General Commercial, and Industrial land uses planned through the year 2020, less than one-quarter was developed, and most was retail commercial
- No supply for the existing or future demand
- Space to accommodate those land uses must be available to create primary jobs required

Potential Business Park Sites:

Site A - Northwest County Location

- Advantages: Most available land - no buffers; in Corridor Planning Zone (CPZ), unique opportunities due to Florida State Barge Canal
- Disadvantages: Not in Planned Service Area (PSA); no accessible utilities; congested access to surrounding roads and I-75

Site B - Central County Location

- Advantages: Within PSA and Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), good access to utilities, centrally located within County
- Disadvantages: Not zoned for industrial, might require buffers to Medium Density Residential, congested access to I-75

Site C - Northeast County Location

- Advantages: Within PSA and CPA, good mix of required land uses, no buffers required
- Disadvantages: No accessible utilities, congested access to I-75

Site D - Inverness Airport

- Advantages: Within PSA and CPA, good access to utilities, excellent access to I-75, unique opportunities due to airfield access, eligible for certain FDOT grants, revenue generation would enhance financial capabilities of both airports, land currently vacant

- Disadvantages: would require re-designation of some land uses, might require buffers to Low and Medium Density Residential

Business Park Development:

- Alternatives arranged by development timeframe
 - Short Term - Sites B and D
 - Intermediate Term - Site C
 - Long Term - Site A

Recommended Development Site D - Inverness Airport:

- Access to Inverness Airport and I-75 would provide best potential to market a variety of companies
- Would provide infrastructure improvements for both County and City of Inverness
- Airport business parks in Florida typically attract the businesses that would create the targeted primary jobs
- Site eligible for certain FDOT grants
- Would have the ability to make both Inverness and Crystal River Airports financially self sufficient

Mr. DiCarlo answered questions from Commissioner Damato regarding the reason the business park would make both airports financially self-sufficient and if businesses wishing to locate in the business park would lease the property. He stated that because individual parcels of the business park could not be sold, any monies generated from leaseholds, fuel sales, and other businesses at the airport site would remain within the airport budget; therefore, both airports would benefit. He also stated that someone wanting to construct a building at the airport business park would lease the land from the County, or the County could build facilities and lease them out to businesses.

Mr. Frink explained to Commissioner Phillips that staff was in the process of hiring an engineer to perform the Environmental Assessment Study (EA) for the airport runway extension, which would be solely funded by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). He said that the EA was typically a 12-month study and in order to obtain funding, the FAA required that building plans be in place for construction.

Chairwoman Phillips conveyed apprehension about moving forward with the business park plan without the EA indicating whether the airport runway could be extended. She stated that one of the problems with the Airport Master Plan was that it was being done piecemeal. She questioned the JPAs (Joint Participation Agreement), the amount of money that had been spent, the amount anticipated to be spent, and the amount the County would have to fund if FAA funds could not be utilized. Mr. Frink replied that extension of the runway and taxiway projects was approximately \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000, and if the FAA did not fund the projects, the FDOT would fund 80 percent and 20 percent would be derived from the JPA budget.

Mr. Frink told Commissioner Damato that if the Board approved staff's request to proceed with the development of the airport business park, a scope of services would be presented to the Board to begin the design access to the property. He advised that FDOT

funding was available in the budget to begin the process and that water, sewer, and typically marketing studies would be funded by the grants. He mentioned that aviation and water quality grants were at risk of being withdrawn by the state if they were postponed. He affirmed that the business park was the first step, followed by the Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant, and then the Airport Master Plan. He added that staff would provide a contract for the EA within the next few months.

Mr. Frink confirmed Commissioner Bartell's statement that this request was to identify the need and to proceed with the business park concept, and if there was a negative response from the EA on extending the runway, it would not hinder the need for the business park or the FDOT's funding of the business park. He verified that regardless of the EA, the airport expansion (business park and infrastructure) could be developed apart from the runway extension.

He further explained to Commissioner Valentino that there was synergy in all components of the airport expansion, that there was a need for the business park, and the optimum location was adjacent to the airport. Commissioner Valentino questioned the reason for the urgency in moving forward with a business park before resolving issues (windsock, public health and safety, and others) of the airport expansion. She spoke about the success and good management practices of the Crystal River Airport and the deterioration of the Inverness Airport. She said the residents' concerns should be addressed first, there was no guarantee a business park would attract businesses, a land use change would be needed for the business park, and there might be compatibility issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Bartell to approve and authorize staff to proceed with the development of the Inverness Airport and business park as identified in the adopted Inverness Airport Master Plan.

Commissioner Damato commented that this was a unique opportunity to use grant funding, provide infrastructure upgrades to the airport area and a regional wastewater treatment facility, and would address the lack of sites for business locations with the proper infrastructure in place.

Mr. Frink responded to Chairwoman Phillips' question regarding the land exchange of the spray fields for the business park by stating that the business park would be on the Holden property, so the spray fields were not necessary for that aspect of the project. He added that the spray fields would be needed for the development of the runway extension and infrastructure.

Commissioner Phillips specified that all the Commissioners thought the wastewater treatment facility was a worthwhile project and would benefit most citizens; however, she had trouble with the balance of the airport projects. She expressed concern that the Board was not given more information regarding the process of the grants and projects. She asked staff to share their spreadsheet with the Board periodically regarding

the JPAs and other beneficial information so the Board could understand, which grant applied to what project, the progress of the projects, and how each project intertwined with others in the Airport Master Plan.

Mr. Frink explained to Commissioner Bartell that moving the spray fields and upgrading the wastewater treatment plant was solely a funding issue now. He verified that the City of Inverness (City) had made a monetary commitment and state grants were pending. He agreed that the only thing lacking once the decision was made today and funding was in place would be the EA and decision on the airport runway extension.

Commissioner Damato suggested and Mr. Frink confirmed that staff would develop a flow chart regarding the steps involved as well as the funding process. After a short discussion concerning funding issues, Mr. Frink affirmed that the County's match of approximately 25 percent, the FDOT grant funds, and the monies from the City would pay for the cost of moving and upgrading the wastewater treatment facility.

Mr. Frink answered Commissioner Valentino's question concerning the capacity of the new wastewater treatment plant by stating that a review of capacity would be part of the plant expansion study.

Inverness City Manger Frank DiGiovanni specified that upgrading the wastewater treatment plant would develop reuse of the water product for the Inverness Golf Course. He stated that the County was working with the City and SWFWMD to obtain matching grants to construct a \$2,000,000 transmission line from the sewer plant to the golf course; thereby, reducing the demand on the aquifer. He added that the size of the plant would be approximately one million gallons per day, but the outlook was to build the plant so it could be easily expanded to treat sewage on a broader scale.

The Chairwoman asked if anyone from the public wished to address the motion.

Brett Wattles with the Economic Development Council (EDC) told the Board that the EDC would be happy to be involved in this effort and would arrange for the Commissioners to visit other business parks near the area. He pointed out that a key element was locating the business park at the Inverness Airport because of its proximity of incoming labor and to Interstate 75. He emphasized the critical need for a business park, and he stated that if done properly, it would be successful and accomplish the goal of diversified local economy.

Ken Hinkle discussed the need for jobs for young people, businesses preferring areas with airports, that a business park would benefit the community and create jobs, that the location was ideal, and so on.

Morris Harvey said he was not opposed to the business park, but did not favor constructing buildings before knowing if private sector businesses would come. He expressed concern that the public would be financing the business park rather than those

benefiting from it. He pointed out that the report specified that it was not a benefit cost analysis report or a marketing report, and that those studies must still be done.

Jim Bitter supported Mr. Harvey's comments and stated that the concept of industry requiring the construction of buildings before locating to an area was evident throughout the country, and it did not work. He questioned who would occupy the business park buildings and who would market the business park. He declared that this was a scheme very few would benefit from, and that this airport would resemble hundreds of other small airports around the country with empty buildings that taxpayers were financing. He asserted that this was a boondoggle (wasteful project), and that things should be done in the proper order by first contracting with the business owners and then building the business park.

Mr. Frink explained to Chairwoman Phillips that a business plan would be the next phase of the project to be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Bartell addressed Mr. Harvey's and Mr. Bitter's comments by clarifying that the Board had not made a decision of how the business park would be developed and was only approving infrastructure on the land. Mr. Frink substantiated his remarks and stated that this action would only be for pavement and pipes and that no buildings were contemplated at this time.

Commissioner Fowler mentioned that it did not appear there was any more public comment, and he thought it would be appropriate to thank Jim Speckman from the FDOT and Ken Hartman, secretary of FDOT District 7 for their involvement, tremendous help, and exceptional level of cooperation in the airport issue.

Ming Gao, an FDOT representative, announced that he would relay the message to both Mr. Speckman, who was leaving FDOT at the end of August, and to Ken Hartman, who was retiring at the end of June.

The Chairwoman called a question on the motion. Motion carried. Voting aye: Commissioners Bartell, Damato, Fowler, and Phillips. Voting nay: Commissioner Valentino. (4:23 P.M.)

The Chairwoman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 4:39 P.M.

Chairwoman Phillips did not return after the recess.

2-1 ***SKATEBOARD PARK IN WEST CITRUS COUNTY/CRYSTAL RIVER AREA***
Sheriff Deputy Kurt Lynn, a group of local students from the Crystal River area, and others addressed the Board regarding the construction of a skateboard park on the west side of the County. Deputy Lynn discussed the safety issues, the burdens of the business owners and law enforcement officers because the children did not have a safe place to skate, and so on. He added that the Crystal River Council Members endorsed the concept of a public/private partnership for a skate park on the west side of the County

unanimously. He requested that the Board meet with the City of Crystal River, the Parks and Recreation Department, and a representative of the non-profit group to discuss ideas for this concept.

Amber Costa, the creator of Stewy's Skate Park in Hernando County, stated that 800 to 1,000 children were skating at Stewy's Skate Park every week. She advised that the concession stand provided 20 percent of their profits to the County for the liability insurance, that the park was "skate at your own risk", and that there was no charge to the skaters. She explained that the crime rate in that area went down 28 percent because the children now had something to do with their time. She advised that the cost to build the park was \$250,000, and that the non-profit group raised half of the money and the County paid the other half.

Commissioner Bartell stated that he had visited Stewy's Skate Park and was impressed with the way the children took pride in the park, and that this was a modular system unlike the Beverly Hills Skate Park. He added that the maintenance of the park was done by the children and that Hernando County only maintained the exterior grounds. He suggested the possibility of putting the modular units on the old tennis courts in Bicentennial Park or on other property located in that area on a temporary basis and then the County could look for a long-term solution.

Mr. Wesch stated that he would need authorization from the Board to proceed, that staff would review the possibility of using the Bicentennial Park on a temporary basis, that the modular units could be in working order within 40 to 60 days, and then staff would work with the City on a long-term solution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bartell and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to authorize staff to proceed as defined above by Mr. Wesch.

Commissioner Valentino agreed that this was a great idea, that the children needed a safe place to skate, and so on.

Mary McRee stated that most of the children do not drive and expressed concern with the distance from the City of Crystal River to Bicentennial Park. She stated that the City of Crystal River had offered property in the city limits that could be used for the skate park.

Commissioner Bartell stated that he had suggested Bicentennial Park as the quickest solution, that other property could be considered for the long-term solution, and a portion of County owned property, known as Betz Farm, could possibly be dedicated to the skate park.

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

(5:06 P.M.)

2-H SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PLANNING

Mr. Frink and Director of Solid Waste Management Susan Metcalfe gave a presentation on the transfer station development (filed in the backup material). Mr. Frink reviewed the following:



- Area Programs/Costs
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Permit Options
- Facility Space and Timing
- Transfer Station Development Options
- Other County Examples
- Estimated Construction Costs
- Additional Items to Consider
- Advantages of Full Public Control
- Advantages to Full Privatization
- Staff Recommendation
- Recommended Action

He advised that staff had met with the FDEP in January 2005, and the County had flexibility to use both the transfer station and the landfill operation. He added that if a transfer station was built, the amount of escrow deposit could be reduced and the landfill operation would have to be used at least twice a year to delay the closure stage.

He explained that Phase 1/1A of the landfill would be filled by the end of 2005, that Phase 2 would take 10 years to fill, and if the waste were transferred the time for use in Phase 2 and Phase X (closure phase) would be extended. He advised that it would take approximately 10 years to site, design, and construct a new landfill or a transfer station at a different location. He added that new landfill sites were very limited, which indicated the need to transfer waste out of the County.

Mrs. Metcalfe presented a three dimensional video which showed different phases and relationships with existing and proposed future facilities.

Mr. Frink stated that Citrus County was at a unique point in time because of the existing disposal space and the room to site a transfer station if another cell was not dug. He reviewed how other counties managed their transfer stations (fully private/fully public). He indicated that the total estimated cost to construct a transfer station, and the relocation of the stockpile and citizen service area would be \$8.7 million. He requested approval to negotiate contracts with R.W. Beck to assist staff in developing a procurement document for the transfer station and all related facilities, and to develop a rate structure for SWM facilities and programs.

He responded to Commissioner Damato's questions regarding the location of the transfer station and citizen service area by stating that there were structural concerns with placing a building (transfer station) at the old landfill site. Mrs. Metcalfe added that the transfer station would not be designed to be a sorting facility (material recovery station);

however, unacceptable or bulky materials could be removed. She advised that the existing recycling program would remain in place.

Mr. Frink explained to Commissioner Bartell that staff had estimated the tipping fees with a transfer station would be \$42 to \$60 per ton, including capital outlay and financing, depending on the bids received and the assessment staying in place. He further explained that there would be an increase of \$12 to \$30 per ton, which included capital outlay, running the transfer station, hauling to the final disposal site, tipping fees at that location, and long-term costs associated with running the existing landfill and programs (recycling, hazardous material). Commissioner Bartell requested that staff provide a pie chart that showed all of the costs.

Discussion ensued regarding regionalization for disposal of solid waste, the contract including the preparation of the procurement document and reviewing the bids received, the procurement including the disposal locations, future need for landfill property, the future uses of the closed landfill, extending the landfill use by transferring solid waste, the landfill space being worth more in the future, compaction of the transferred solid waste, and so on.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Damato to approve and authorize staff to negotiate the following contracts with R.W. Beck (1) to develop a procurement document for the transfer station and all related facilities, and (2) a contract to develop a rate structure for solid waste management facilities and programs after receiving responses to the procurement.

Commissioner Damato asked that the items discussed be included in the motion.

Morris Harvey stated that he thought the Board should have a firmer estimate of value for the landfill, and that he had supported the transferring of solid waste for years. He questioned the impact of the roads and the length of time the disposal locations would allow solid waste to be delivered.

Commissioner Bartell called a question on the motion and the motion carried unanimously. (5:39 P.M.)

Commissioner Bartell recessed the meeting and reconvened at 5:57 P.M.

The Chairwoman returned to the meeting after the recess.

2-J **2005 SMALL SCALE CYCLE NO. 2 AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Maidhof stated that a letter had been received from Crystal Engineering & Construction requesting that application CPA/AA-05-09 be rescheduled.

Ms. Slingerland polled the Board for ex-parte communications and all Commissioners replied that they had no previous communications regarding the following applications. Mr. Maidhof read the ordinance preambles into the record.

2-J.1 **CPA/AA-05-05, THIBADO FOR BERNZOTT**

Margaret Beake, AIA, AICP, Senior Planner, Community Development Division (CDD), reviewed the staff report as follows:

Application Number/Name:	CPA/AA-05-05, Pete Thibado of Thibado and Associates for Theresa Bernzott
Land Use:	Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM): from Low Intensity Coastal and Lakes District (CL) to Coastal and Lakes Commercial District (CLC) LDC Atlas: Coastal and Lakes Residential District to CLC
Property Data:	Parcel "B" of Parcel 43340, Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, further known as 9990 W. Fort Island Trail in the Crystal River area, approximately 1.08 acres
Staff/Planning Development and Review Board (PDRB) Recommendation:	Approval
Proposed Project:	Continued operation of the existing business (beauty shop/massage business)

She stated that the depth of the property was approximately 165 feet from the right of way line, that there had been a history of small business uses on the property, and that the property was located outside of the PSA (Planned Service Area); however, central water was available. She added that there were no concurrency issues, that the amendment was compatible to existing land use designations in the area, that development review would be required to achieve LDC compliance for the continuance of the existing business or any neighborhood commercial use, and so on.

Chairwoman Phillips opened the public portion of the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or in opposition. With no public comment, the Chairwoman closed the public portion of the public hearing.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Damato, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CPA/AA-05-05, Pete Thibado of Thibado and Associates for Theresa Bernzott. (6:02 P.M.)

2-J.2 **CPA/AA-05-07, RADLOFF FOR OAKES**

Mrs. Beake reviewed the staff report as follows:

Application Number/Name:	CPA/AA-05-07, Tom A. Radloff for Phil and Gail Oakes
Land Use:	GFLUM: from CL to CLC LDC Atlas: from CLR to CLC
Property Data:	Lot 2, Block 63, Homosassa Company Subdivision in

	Section 29, Township 19 South, Range 17 East, approximately 0.68 acres
Staff/PDRB Recommendation:	Approval
Proposed Project:	To change from a residence to a professional office

Mrs. Beake explained that Mr. Radloff had sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Oakes since the application process began (copy of deed in backup material), that the subject property was located outside the PSA, that central water was available, and that the land use change would be compatible with existing land use designations and uses in the area. She added that the proposed amendment was compatible with the COMP in particular with the Old Homosassa Community Redevelopment Area Plan called "Walk to the River". She advised that development review would be required for LDC compliance when the use was changed from single-family residence to a business.

Chairwoman Phillips opened the public portion of the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or in opposition. With no public comment, the Chairwoman closed the public portion of the public hearing.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CPA/AA-05-07, Tom A. Radloff for Phil and Gail Oakes. (6:05 P.M.)

2-J.3 ***CPA/AA-05-08 (MCKEAN FOR COLLINS)***

Mrs. Beake provided the following staff report:

Application Number/Name:	CPA/AA-05-08, Paul Furman of McKean & Associates for Craig K. Collins
Land Use:	GFLUM: from Medium Density Residential (MDR) to General Commercial (GNC) LDC Atlas: from MDR* (mobile homes allowed) to GNC
Property Data:	Portions of lots 1A370-0010 and 1A360-0010, and lots 1A340-0011, 1A340-0020, 1A340-0030, and 1A391 of Mayfield Acres-Hillside South Unrecorded Subdivision, in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 18 East in the Lecanto area, 6.75 acres ± of 9.09 acres + under ownership.
Staff/PDRB Recommendation:	Approval
Proposed Project:	Expansion of the existing nursery business (Color Country Nursery)

Mrs. Beake stated that the property was located on the north side of SR (State Road) 44 at Easy Street behind the existing nursery. She added that the subject property was within the PSA, that there were no traffic concurrency issues, and the proposed use could meet the level of service standards of the COMP. She advised that the proposed use was generally consistent with the COMP and LDC requirements for future commercial development. She mentioned that there was encroachment into a residential area; however, the proposed use would not conflict with that residential use.

Mr. Furman spoke about the Board's concerns from the public workshop regarding potential for other uses on the property if the entire parcel were changed to GNC. He stated that the owner was present to talk to the Board about his plans to expand the nursery. He requested that if the Board were not willing to change the entire parcel, perhaps the GNC boundary could be extended north approximately 225 feet to the rear line of the two parcels that fronted SR 44, which would match the GNC on the parcels immediately to the east. He added that if this extension were approved, the owner would be willing to submit a master plan for the nursery property along with an application for a Planned Development Overlay (PDO) for the north parcels.

Mr. Collins stated that he would like to have the entire amendment approved so that he would have flexibility on the future uses of the property. He gave a history of the nursery and stated that his long-term goal was to continue in the nursery business. He added that he would double the buffer that the Board recommended between the nursery and the residential area.

Commissioner Phillips stated that she was concerned with the encroachment into the residential area. She explained that she knew he had a good business and planned to maintain the property as a nursery; however, if the land changed ownership any commercial use would be allowed and the encroachment into the residential area might not be as compatible. She agreed with Mr. Furman's recommendation of extending the GNC boundary approximately 225 feet.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic issues on Easy Street, there being no provision that allowed the Board to condition the current use, the PDO addressing the encroachment, the Board not setting precedence, and so on.

Mr. Maidhof addressed Commissioner Bartell's concern with PDOs not guaranteeing future use of the property by stating that staff had been discussing solutions to the problem. Mr. Maidhof explained that staff was required by state law to revisit the COMP through the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and the County could place a long-term carryover on PDOs that would mandate that the property owner must come back through the process to change the zoning from what was approved. He stated that it was clearly Mr. Collins' intent to keep this property a nursery for a long time; however, for the land speculators who had recognized the vulnerability that the County had in allowing PDOs, the PDO approach would not be so attractive. He added that there was no administrative mechanism to roll a land use back, and the property owner must go back through the public process. Commissioner Bartell commented that most people would follow through on the PDO; however, there was a weakness in the process. He agreed with Maidhof's solution; however, he requested a condition of approval so that the zoning change was automatic. Mr. Maidhof replied to Commissioner Bartell's question regarding the fees by stating that the Board could consider this change as an amendment to the current application, waive the fees, and allow the applicant to come back with the revised language.

Chairwoman Phillips opened the public portion of the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor.

B. J. Collins gave a history of the family owned nursery. He reiterated that the amendment was to expand the operation and development.

The Chairwoman then asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition. With no further public comment, the Chairwoman closed the public portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Maidhof advised that the PDO did not need a lot of detail other than that the applicant was committing the property to the retail nursery operation. He added that the three important factors of the PDO were use, buffer, and access point.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board approved CPA/AA-05-08, Paul Furman of McKean & Associates for Craig K. Collins with regard to Parcel 1A370 0010 and 1A360-0010.

Upon motion by Commissioner Fowler, seconded by Commissioner Bartell, and carried unanimously, the Board allowed the applicant to submit a Planned Development Overlay for the remainder of the property and waived the associated fees.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bartell, seconded by Commissioner Fowler, and carried unanimously, the Board adopted and authorized the Chairwoman to execute (1) an ordinance amending the Atlas of the Land Development Code, Ordinance No. 90-14 as amended, by revising the land use designation on certain parcels of land as presented in the 2005 Small Scale Review Cycle No. 2, in accordance with CPA/AA-05-05 (Thibado for Bernzott), CPA/AA-05-07 (Radloff), and CPA/AA-05-08 (McKean for Collins) as amended and (2) an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan, Ordinance No. 89-04 as amended, by revising the Generalized Future Land Use Map on certain parcels of land as presented in the 2005 Small Scale Review Cycle No. 2, in accordance with CPA/AA-05-05 (Thibado for Bernzott), CPA/AA-05-07 (Radloff), and CPA/AA-05-08 (McKean for Collins) as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-A11 and 2005-A12, RESPECTIVELY (6:43 P.M.)

The Chairwoman recessed the meeting and reconvened at 6:57 P.M.
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2-K **25 YEAR MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Wesch stated that this presentation would be based on the Board's comments from the preliminary presentation of the 25 Year Master Transportation Plan (Plan) and additional traffic counts that had been received. Ken Cheek, Engineering Services Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation (filed with the Clerk's agenda) and reviewed the current capacity improvement projects: CR 491, from CR 486 to Pine Ridge Boulevard, which was 57 percent complete, and CR 486, from Forest Ridge Boulevard to US 41, which was 37 percent complete. He also reviewed the Croft Road Intersection Improvements Project, which would require additional funding in FY 06 - 08.

He then reported the 25 year revised project rankings, descriptions, and costs. He explained that Grover Cleveland Boulevard was ranked higher due to recent traffic studies that were completed by a developer and indicated that the roadway was at capacity. He advised that the 2006-2010 CIP (Capital Improvement Program) would include four projects totaling \$121,000,000 for design, land, and construction costs. He detailed the information on those four projects as follows:

- 🚧 Croft Road Intersection Improvements Project: to alleviate traffic concerns with the intersections at CR 486 and SR 44, project budget \$2,300,000 for FY 2005, and \$4,150,000 for FY 2006 - 2008
- 🚧 CR 486 from SR 44 to Forest Ridge Boulevard: length of project - 8.34 miles, estimated construction costs \$34,100,000, total project costs \$52,000,000, and project commencement 2006
- 🚧 CR 491 from SR 44 to CR 486: length of project - 6.34 miles, estimated construction costs \$15,450,000, total project costs \$23,400,000, and project commencement 2007
- 🚧 Grover Cleveland Boulevard: length of project - 5.36 miles, estimated construction costs \$21,400,000, total project costs \$40,900,000, and project commencement 2009

He advised that the FY 2006 - 2010 CIP total project costs (including financing), with the exception of the Croft Road Intersection Improvements Project, would be \$139,300,000. He added that FY 2011 - 2015 CIP total costs (design, land, and construction) would be \$84,000,000; FY 2016 - 2020 CIP total costs would be \$84,000,000; FY 2021 - 2025 CIP total costs would be \$58,000,000; and FY 2026 - 2030 CIP total costs would be \$58,000,000. He mentioned that large roadway projects would be taking place towards the beginning of the Plan, and that the remainder of Croft Road would probably be programmed into the Plan after the costs were calculated.

Mr. Wesch responded to Commissioner Damato's question regarding the County protecting the corridors along roadways from future building encroachments by stating that would be referred to as a Right of Way Reservation Map. He explained that when the map was made public, the County would have to be in a position to acquire the right of way because the value of that property would be affected. Mr. Cheek added that it would be difficult to determine the amount of right of way necessary without a design and that there would be grading issues. He replied to Commissioner Damato's question about set back requirements for new developments along proposed roadways by stating that staff had discussed roadway projects with developers; however, he did not believe staff could mandate those set backs.

Cathy Taylor, Office of Management and Budget Director, reviewed the revenue sources to fund transportation projects as follows:



Transportation Impact Fees:

- Revenue history generated collections from \$1,600,000 to \$5,800,000 from FY 1999 - 2005
- Projected revenues for FY 2006 - 2010 would total approximately \$49,000,000



Gas Tax:

- The County currently levied the constitutional gas tax of two cents, the County fuel tax of one cent, and the First Local Option Gas Tax of six cents
- Pledged revenue capacity and a debt issuance capacity of approximately \$22,000,000 on current revenues
- The revenue history did not show a consistent growth rate
- For FY 2006 to 2010 staff used a conservative three percent projection for the purpose of the Plan
- Gas taxes not levied:
 - ✓ 9th Cent Fuel Tax would generate annual receipts of \$576,000 with a debt issuance capacity of \$5,500,000 over a 20-year term
 - ✓ Second Local Option Fuel Tax with a full five cents would generate annual receipts of \$2,400,000 with a debt issuance capacity of \$23,000,000



Local Discretionary Sales Surtax (known as the Penny Sales Tax):

- Local Discretionary Sales Tax of one cent would generate approximately \$10,000,000 in annual receipts and a debt issuance capacity of approximately \$98,000,000

Mrs. Taylor explained that the sources of revenue (existing and five-year projections) would be \$30,000,000 in gas tax revenues, \$49,000,000 in Transportation Impact Fees equaling \$79,000,000 total projected gross revenue.

She advised the Board of the following financing alternative options:

	Available Sources	Five Year Capital Budget Required	Shortfall
Option I - "Pay as you go" Existing annual gas tax revenues and annual impact fee collections	\$79,000,000	\$142,000,000	(\$63,000,000)
Option II - Bonding of existing gas tax revenues plus annual impact fee collections	\$87,000,000	142,000,000	(\$55,000,000)
Option III - Same as Option II above, plus extend expiration date of existing annual gas taxes	108,000,000	142,000,000	(\$34,000,000)
Option IV - Same as Option II above, plus levy and bond the 2nd Local Option Gas Tax (5¢)	136,000,000	142,000,000	(\$6,400,000)
Option V - Same as option IV above, plus levy and bond the 9th Cent Gas Tax	142,704,000	142,969,000	(\$265,000)

Mr. Cheek presented a slide that indicated the surrounding counties and the gas taxes that were imposed. He stated that everyone had the First Local Option Gas Tax at six cents, only two counties were using the Second Local Option Gas Tax, and approximately half of the counties were taking advantage of the 9th Cent Fuel Tax.

Discussion ensued about the various options, the need to address the County's transportation issues, the Penny Sales Tax requiring a referendum, several counties being successful with a referendum for the Penny Sales Tax when the tax was tied to tangible projects, the referendum being held when the largest percentage of the voting public were present in the County, implementing a gas tax increase if the Penny Sales Tax did not pass, some road surfacing and maintenance projects were not eligible for impact fees, the level of service causing moratoriums, hiring a marketing firm, and so on.

Commissioners concurred with Commissioner Fowler that the County should hire a marketing firm that had been successful in the past working with counties on referendums. Commissioner Phillips added that staff should find those marketing firms, prepare a plan on how to proceed, and check with the Supervisor of Elections for statistics regarding voting.

Commissioners Phillips, Bartell, and Valentino concurred that if the Penny Sales Tax failed the gas tax would have to be implemented. Commissioners Damato and Fowler preferred the gas tax over the sales tax because the gas tax was immediate. Commissioner Damato suggested a "phasing in" process. Commissioner Bartell suggested instituting a gas tax with a sunset clause that the gas tax would be dissolved in the event the Penny Sales Tax was approved by the citizens.

Mr. Wesch stated that there would not be a legal impediment to increase the gas tax with a provision in the ordinance that the gas tax would sunset upon the successful adoption of the Penny Sales Tax referendum to be held presumably November 2006. He added that if the Board did nothing in terms of additional revenue, over the next five years the only road that could be completed would be CR-486.

Directive: The Board requested staff to (1) develop a plan to implement the gas tax with a sunset clause in the ordinance, and the Penny Sales Tax Referendum with the dollar amounts from the five-year transportation projects, (2) schedule a public hearing after the legislature closed session so that the County knew exactly how the bills would affect the impact fees, and the abilities to adopt gas tax and sales tax, and (3) research how other counties implemented the Penny Sales Tax and solicit proposals from marketing firms to assist the County. (8:06 P.M.)

2-L **FISCAL YEARS 2006-2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)**

Mrs. Taylor reviewed the County's pledged revenue capacity as follows:

✓ Sales Tax Revenue: currently collecting \$6,200,000 per year, approximately \$3,200,000 of that had been pledged for current debt service, and there was an additional debt capacity of approximately \$19,500,000. Sales tax revenues history from FY 1995 -

2004 went from approximately \$3,500,000 in FY 1995 annual collections to approximately \$6,700,000 in FY 2004.

✓ State Revenue Sharing: the County could only pledge the first and second guaranteed entitlement money, which gave a bonding capacity of approximately \$2,000,000. State revenue sharing and intangible tax was together at one time and currently together with the same revenues as sales tax.

✓ Communication Services Tax: this replaced the cable franchise fees and the County could bond approximately \$13,700,000. There had been a small growth in the revenue history from FY 2002 - 2005.

She then reviewed the existing debt service obligations:

CURRENT DEBT		
Debt	Total Revenue Bonds	Debt Service
Revenue Bonds	\$19,000,000	\$2,500,000
Notes Payable	\$5,000,000	\$700,000
Citrus County Resource Center/VA Clinic (most recent debt issuance)	\$8,000,000	\$600,000
PROPOSED DEBT		
Sheriff's Building	\$5,000,000	400,000
TOTAL DEBT	\$37,000,000	\$4,200,000

She advised the Board that the general government debt service as a percentage of general fund expenditures was estimated at 6.39 percent, and based on bond rating agencies 7 to 15 percent was the moderate range.

Mr. Wesch reviewed the Five-Year CIP as follows:

GENERAL FUND				
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
11,994,567	3,837,660	3,637,460	3,643,117	3,664,955
2006 Expenditures				
Citrus County Transit Buses				216,167
Lecanto Government Bldg. - Debt Service				550,500
ADA Upgrades				75,000
Courthouse Addition - Debt Service				647,500
Courthouse Annex - Debt Service				292,700
County Wide Radio System - Debt Service				447,400
Siemens Phone Upgrade				125,000
Citrus County Resource Center/VA-Debt				604,100
Clerk's Records Storage Facility				1,000,000
Sheriff Administration Building				5,398,400
Courthouse Annex Generator Installation				95,000

ADA - Sidewalks					50,000
Nature Coast EMS Facility					1,912,800
Withlapopka Isles Community Building					400,000
CCSO Evidence Garage Expansion					180,000
AVIATION					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
4,360,750	5,048,600	2,870,000	800,000	950,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Crystal River - Construct Hangars					220,000
Crystal River - Corporate Hangar Construction					450,000
Crystal River - Economic Development Planning					62,500
Crystal River - Expand Aircraft Apron					137,500
Crystal River - Runway Shoulder Paving					200,000
Inverness - Aircraft Parking Apron					500,000
Inverness - Airport Access from US 41					315,000
Inverness - Airport Infrastructure					562,500
Inverness - Construct T & Corporate Hangers					481,250
Inverness - Extend & Widen Runway/Taxiway					352,400
Inverness - FBO Facilities & Parking					442,000
Inverness - Install Automated Weather Station					90,000
Inverness - Relocate Boy Scouts Bldg					200,000
Inverness - Relocate Existing Facilities					120,000
Inverness - Tarmac					77,600
Inverness - Update Master Plan					150,000
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
982,962	1,687,762	2,080,000	2,250,000	2,160,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Contour Mapping					185,762
GIS Related Software					140,000
GIS Asset Collection					100,000
Watershed Management Plan					557,200
PARKS & RECREATION					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
1,808,870	1,415,580	6,181,024	468,250	400,400	
2006 Expenditures					
Barge Canal Boat Launch					250,000
Beverly Hills Community Park Debt Service					55,200
Bicentennial Park Debt Service					70,400
Bicentennial Park Field Illumination Upgrade					89,820
Central Ridge District Park Debt Service					27,850
Central Ridge District Park Field Expansion					77,000
Central Ridge District Park Walking Trail					258,000

Citrus County Family Recreation Complex					400,000
Eden Park Boat Ramp Expansion					200,000
Floral Park Field Construction					148,000
Fort Island Trail Park Entrance Parking					35,000
Holden Community Park Debt Service					22,600
Neighborhood Parks					175,000
WATER QUALITY					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
15,050,000	2,425,000	3,925,000	2,425,000	12,425,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Homosassa Southfork - Phase IV					500,000
Homosassa Wastewater Facility - Phase 5					3,400,000
General Water Quality					50,000
US 19 Sewer Expansion					475,000
Lake Enhancement Reserve					125,000
Homosassa Wastewater Facility - Phase 6					3,000,000
Eastside Wastewater Collection - Phase 1					6,600,000
Homosassa Southfork - Phase V					500,000
Sheriff's Office Parking Lot Drainage Retrofit					400,000
FIRE DISTRICT					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
878,000	1,328,500	445,400	550,000	850,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Airpaks					120,000
Pumper/Tanker					220,000
Brush Truck					69,000
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Construct Power Line Rd. Station					400,000
ROAD MAINTENANCE					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
450,000	470,000	500,000	430,000	580,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Maintenance District #3 - Hot Patch Truck					85,000
Maintenance District #5 - Backhoe/Loader					140,000
Maintenance District #2 - Dump Truck					80,000
Maintenance District #4 - Hot Patch Truck					85,000
Maintenance District #3 - Slope Mower					60,000
TRANSPORTATION FUNDS					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
27,117,100	19,953,600	45,995,100	44,954,600	29,059,100	
2006 Expenditures					
Road Resurfacing Program					2,128,000
Miscellaneous Drainage					150,000

Bridge Repair Program					100,000
Striping					200,000
Intersection Improvements					100,000
Gas Tax Funding - Road Maintenance					500,000
Limerock Road Paving Program					65,000
Transportation Consultant					50,000
Debt Service - County Road 486					239,100
Croft Rd - Intersect Improve SR 44 and CR 486					650,000
Fort Island Trail - US 19 to First Bridge					200,000
CR 486 Land Acquisition - SR 44 to Brentwood					75,000
CR 486 Road Widening - SR 44 to Forest Ridge					21,600,000
Woodland Ridge Drive Drainage Improvements					65,000
Lakeside Drive Drainage Retrofit					100,000
Swift Court Drainage Improvement					65,000
CR 491 Mill and Resurface					500,000
Withlapopka Causeway Repairs					250,000
Maple Avenue Drainage Improvement					80,000
LIBRARY DISTRICT					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
2,781,000	616,500	213,000	213,000	213,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Homosassa Public Library				2,781,000	
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
3,945,940	6,570,100	1,053,600	666,100	516,100	
2006 Expenditures					
Steel Wheel Compactor Replacement #1040				500,000	
Relocate Citizen Service Area and YW Area				2,210,000	
Turn Lane				113,000	
Replace Recycling Centers				150,000	
Traffic Signal				155,000	
Transfer Station Design and Construction				607,940	
Replace Environmental Monitoring System				210,000	
UTILITIES					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
11,522,000	22,957,200	1,695,000	6,856,100	4,285,000	
2006 Expenditures					
Pump Station/Manhole Rehabilitations				60,000	
Seven Rivers Water Line Extension				250,000	
South Dunnellon Wastewater Treatment Plant				350,000	
Emergency Generators				75,000	
General In-Fill Projects				500,000	
Meadowcrest WWTP Reuse & Expansion				8,650,000	

Brentwood WWTP Expansion					500,000
CAB Pumping Capability Upgrade					100,000
County Road 490 12 Inch Water Main					275,000
CR 486 from SR 44 to Brentwood WWTP					762,000
CITRUS SPRINGS MSBU					
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
368,500	388,500	408,500	408,500	428,500	
2006 Expenditures					
Boulevard Beautification					25,000
Fire Protection					67,500
Street Lights					10,000
Storm Drain Improvements					20,000
Road Resurfacing					200,000
Sub-Division Entrance Signage					26,000
Directional Signs					20,000

(Clerk's note: For the purpose of this item, only the 2006 projects were shown. 2007-2010 projects may be viewed in the document filed with the Clerk's agenda)

He discussed the following:

- Staff determined that after the 2004 hurricane events a generator was needed for the Courthouse Annex because the County depended upon the Property Appraiser's Office for map generation products for the County and the Sheriff's Office.
- The Nature Coast Emergency Medical Services (NCEMS) requested that their facility be included in the CIP, which would further their abilities to obtain grants; however, would not commit the County or NCEMS if the Board decided to combine services.
- The projects listed under the Aviation Project Summary were consistent with the adopted master plans for the Crystal River and Inverness Airports.
- There were no new projects listed under the Geographic Information System Project Summary. The projects listed were carry forward from past years CIPs.
- Due to past Board discussions regarding the Barge Canal Boat Launch Project (north side or south side of the barge canal), staff placed the project under the Parks and Recreation Project Summary as a carry forward project. Mr. Wesch mentioned that there was a private industry interested in building the project and suggested rolling the project back one year. The Board concurred.
- The Central Ridge District Park Field Expansion Project and Walking Trail Project had been moved forward due to increased Recreational Impact Fees. Commissioner Phillips explained that individuals were interested in collaborating with the County on the Central Ridge District Park Projects, which would save money for future projects.

- Boat Ramp Improvement Projects (Sportsman's Park design and construction, and Spruce Drive Boat Ramp and Turner Camp Boat Ramp parking expansions) were consistent with the Board's adopted master plan for boat ramp improvements and were able to be accomplished because of the impact fee revenue for recreational purposes.
- Mr. Wesch explained that the grant money (\$11,500,000) listed under the Water Quality Project Summary would fund a large portion of this budget, and if the grants were not received the projects would not be completed. Commissioner Phillips spoke about the \$300,000 contract approved under the consent agenda for a utility and rate plan study. She mentioned that the Board would need to find funding for those projects and make a tough decision to increase the connection fees and rates when they were encouraged to do so by that study. She talked about the wastewater treatment facilities that needed to be expanded now per the FDEP requirements and there being no funding for those expansions. Mr. Wesch thanked Commissioner Phillips for her comments and reminded the Board that the last utility rates study was completed approximately four years ago and the Board did not accept or impose the rates suggested by the consultant.
- Mr. Wesch clarified that the last item listed under the Water Quality Project Summary was characterized as the Sheriff's Office parking lot drainage retrofit; however, it was Martin Luther King Street that had historical flooding. He mentioned that staff was working on a timeline with the City of Inverness so the County did not interfere with the next phase of the Inverness Downtown Redevelopment Plan. He stated that staff would also be working with the Southwest Florida Water Management District on this project.
- The last items under the Utility Project Summary were in conjunction with the 25 Year Master Transportation Plan. He mentioned that the CR-490 Project would probably be pushed back based on the Board's action today.

Commissioner Phillips questioned why there was no project summary for Beverly Hills MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) like the project summary for Citrus Spring MSBU. Mr. Wesch stated that staff would review and report to the Board.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting. 8:29 P.M.)

ATTEST: _____, Clerk _____, Chairwoman