

**MEETING: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WORKSHOP**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** April 24, 2001, at 9:35 a.m., in the Palm Beach County Governmental Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

**1.A. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chair Warren H. Newell  
Vice-Chair Carol A. Roberts - Absent  
Commissioner Burt Aaronson - Arrived later  
Commissioner Addie L. Greene  
Commissioner Mary McCarty - Absent  
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus  
Commissioner Tony Masilotti  
County Administrator Robert Weisman  
Assistant County Attorney Barbara Alterman  
Deputy Clerk Carl Zettelmeier

**1.B. INVOCATION - Commissioner Greene**

**1.C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**2.A. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS - None**

**2.B. ADOPTION**

**MOTION to adopt the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 4-0. Commissioners Aaronson, McCarty, and Roberts absent.**

**2.C. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS**

(CLERK'S NOTE: The following items were discussed after the 9:30 a.m. workshop session.)

**2.C.1.**

COORDINATION OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS SENT TO TALLAHASSEE. DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTION 4-24-2001

Commissioner Newell insisted that the board be informed of all legislative bills emanating from the county, no matter which agency initiated them. He mentioned the Sheriff's bill on unionization of deputies as an example of a bill the board should have been informed of before it came up for discussion in Tallahassee. He called for discussion of this bill with Sheriff Edward W. Bieluch at the next regular board meeting and suggested that letters be sent to the legislative delegation and to the constitutional officers on this subject.

Commissioner Newell said further that he wanted the board to go on record as opposing the billboards bill, especially the provision calling for local government to fund billboard removal. He directed County Administrator Weisman to draft letters to

Kathleen Daley Montoya, county lobbyist, and Todd Bonlarron, executive director of the legislative delegation, calling on them to convey the board's opposition to this bill.

No backup provided.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS - CONTINUED**

**2.C.2.**

HALF-CENT TAX PROPOSED BY THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH. DISCUSSED  
4-24-2001

Commissioner Marcus labeled this a new tax, which the Florida Association of Counties opposes. Only the largest city in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties can benefit from the measure, which would have a negative effect on the counties' ability to levy their own one-cent tax. She suggested a letter to the legislative delegation expressing the board's opposition to the proposal.

City of West Palm Beach Commissioner William ("Bill") Moss reported that the tax would have a life of only seven to eight years and that proceeds would not be used to fund construction of a baseball stadium. Funds would instead be applied to infrastructure and seawall repair and, possibly, to the library.

No backup provided.

**2.C.3.**

REPORT ON 45TH STREET TRAFFIC. DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTION 4-24-2001

Commissioner Greene requested an update on the traffic situation on 45th Street from County Administrator Weisman at the next regular board meeting.

No backup provided.

**2.C.4.**

SEPARATE BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. DISCUSSED  
4-24-2001

Commissioner Masilotti brought up the issue of listing the budgets of constitutional officers, the Sheriff in particular, as separate line items. Commissioner Newell said he wanted to see this issue brought up at next year's meeting with the legislative delegation.

No backup provided.

**2.C.5.**

TRAFFIC SIGNAL CAMERAS. DISCUSSED 4-24-2001

Commissioner Aaronson recommended following former mayor Nancy Graham's example and publishing the names of the registered owners of vehicles photographed running red lights. If the measure failed to pass the legislature, he said, the publicity would have the same deterrent effect as the law.

No backup provided.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS - CONTINUED**

**2.C.6.**

GOVERNOR'S BILL ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT. DISCUSSED 4-24-2001

Commissioner Marcus noted that the governor's bill on growth management included an exemption for the county on school concurrency that allows the process to continue rather than requiring the board, the municipalities, and the School Board to repeat the entire process from the beginning.

No backup provided.

**WORKSHOP SESSIONS**

- 3. **9:30 A.M. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INCENTIVES** - See pages 3-4.
- 4. **10:30 A.M. - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATE** - See page 4.
- 5. **2:00 P.M. - ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW GUIDELINES** - See page 5.
- 6. **REGULAR AGENDA**
- 6.A. **CLERK**
- 6.A.1.

WARRANT LIST DATED APRIL 20, 2001. APPROVED 4-24-2001

COMPUTER CHECKS	\$10,672,794.91
WIRE TRANSFERS	39,713,119.70
MANUAL CHECKS	25,922.75
EDI TRANSFERS	<u>315,438.62</u>
	\$50,727,275.98

**MOTION to approve the warrant list. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti, and carried 4-0. Commissioners Aaronson, McCarty, and Roberts absent.**

**6.A.2.**

CONTRACTS ON THE CONTRACT LIST EXECUTED BY THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR:

**a.**

TERM CONTRACT WITH JOHN BROWN & SONS, INC., FOR \$150,000 FOR VEGETATION REMOVAL EQUIPMENT FROM APRIL 24, 2001, THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2002, PER BID 01-082/MM. APPROVED 4-24-2001

**MOTION to approve the contract. Motion by Commissioner Marcus, seconded by Commissioner Masilotti. Commissioners Aaronson, McCarty, and Roberts absent.**

(CLERK'S NOTE: Commissioner Aaronson joined the meeting.)

**9:30 A.M. WORKSHOP SESSION**

**3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INCENTIVES. DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTION 4-24-2001**

Deputy County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker requested board direction on two aspects of economic development:

**3. - 9:30 A.M. WORKSHOP SESSION - CONTINUED**

- Permission to change the job-creation ratio from one job per \$10,000 allocation to one per \$15,000, which was granted
- Permission to establish criteria for Community Development Block Grant applicants that would enable staff to eliminate those who do not qualify on the first round, which was also granted

Commissioner Marcus suggested using grant funds for the payment of impact fees as an incentive to newly created businesses. Commissioner Newell directed staff to explore this possibility. Commissioner Masilotti said that a greater emphasis should be placed on infrastructure development as an incentive for business development. Commissioner Marcus noted that such a focus would be consistent with the goals expressed at the last visioning meeting. Director of Housing and Community Development Remar M. Harvin said a second funding source would have to be created in order to make it possible to leverage funding of infrastructure development.

**10:30 A.M. WORKSHOP SESSION**

**4. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATE. DISCUSSED 4-24-2001**

President Larry Pelton of the Business Development Board (BDB) of Palm Beach County said new benchmarks were needed, other than the simple number of new jobs created, to measure the success of the BDB. Commissioner Newell suggested using the success of the school concurrency issue as a marketing tool for business development in the county, while Commissioner Aaronson added that considering the number of businesses persuaded to remain in the county was a meaningful measure of BDB success.

Commissioner Marcus recommended incorporating the county's development needs into the efforts of the BDB in planning programs for attracting business and industry. Commissioner Masilotti suggested a greater emphasis on trades education than on high-tech jobs, adding that planning jobs in terms of minimizing travel time and worker expense would also be beneficial.

Commissioner Aaronson encouraged the BDB to develop a program in hotel management education in cooperation with the School Board. Commissioner Marcus mentioned the magnet program at Palm Beach Gardens High School as a logical place to begin such an effort. Commissioner Newell added Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, and Palm Beach Community College as institutions to contact as well.

**RECESS**

**At 12:05 p.m., the chair declared a recess.**

RECONVENE

At 2:15 p.m., the board reconvened with Commissioners Aaronson, Greene, Marcus, Masilotti, and Newell present.

**2:00 P.M. WORKSHOP SESSION**

**5. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW GUIDELINES. DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTION 4-24-2001**

Zoning Director William W. Whiteford summarized the work of the Citizen's Task Force (CTF) in developing architectural review guidelines, whose chief purpose was to establish thresholds beyond which a project or building would be subject to architectural review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A number of speakers commented on the guidelines, expressing support, opposition, or a mixture of both. Those in favor of the guidelines included Susan Daniels; Joanne Davis, representing 1000 Friends of Florida; Lewis J. Doctor, president of the Coalition of Boynton West Associations (COBWRA); and architect Richard Gonzalez.

Opposing the guidelines were Sean Camp, representing Gold Coast Builders Association; Kim Glas-Castro, representing Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Jennifer English, representing Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches; City of Greenacres Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri; Dale Hedrick; Gary Hennings; and Mark Williams, representing Florida Engineering Society.

Commissioner Newell polled the board and determined that consensus was to support the more stringent requirements proposed by staff rather than those proposed by the CTF.

Commissioner Newell also asked whether any sort of fast-track processing would be possible under the guidelines that could act as an incentive to architects and builders to conform to the standards. Mr. Whiteford offered the practice of using master elevations as one such fast-track item.

In response to Commissioner Marcus's question on revised standards for landscaping, Mr. Whiteford said revisions of the landscaping codes were being done through the Managed Growth Tier System. He also said staff could accelerate work on the landscaping aspects of the issue.

Commissioner Newell directed Planning, Zoning and Building Executive Director Dominic Sims to examine the county's contract with the consultant to determine how review of the landscaping section could be given a higher priority, adding that he wanted the sign code to be included in this change.

Mr. Whiteford summarized his understanding of board consensus as granting permission to advertise in May with first reading of the revised ordinance in June 2001.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Chair