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**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
1660 RINGLING BOULEVARD
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER
SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

9:00 a.m.

David R. Mills, Chair, District 2
Nora Patterson, Vice Chair, District 4
Paul Mercier, District 1
Shannon Staub, District 3
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller
Peter Ramsden, Clerk of the Circuit Court Finance Director
Claudia Goodson, Deputy Clerk
Trish Granger, Deputy Clerk

INVOCATION

Minister Teral Walker, Osprey Avenue Church of Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Staub

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

Sahib Shrine Circus Days - April 20 through April 21, 2006
Marlene Strickland - 2005 Woman of the Year in Agriculture
Sexual Violence Awareness Month - April 2006
Marriage Savers of the Suncoast - March 14, 2006

PERFORMANCE RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING (PRO) AWARDS:

Richard Gothner, Emergency Services, Exceptional Customer Service
Robert Kern, Emergency Services, Exceptional Customer Service
Neil Scavelli, Enterprise Information Technology, Exceptional Customer Service

CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Commr. Thaxton, seconded by Commr. Staub, and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve Items 1-21 as follows, with the exception of Items 2, 13, and 17, considered later this meeting.

1. PROCLAMATIONS

Ratified the following previously issued Proclamations:

- A. Cincinnati Reds Day - February 25, 2006;
- B. Miss Sarasota Softball - February 18, 2006;
- C. The Judge Lynn N. Silvertooth Judicial Center Renaming - February 23, 2006;
- D. Imperial Sir Gary W. Dunwoody, Imperial Potentate, Shriners of North America - March 9, 2006;
- E. 2006 Florida State Airstream Rally - February 22 through February 26, 2006.

2. ADVISORY COUNCILS

See consideration to reappoint Terry Lipman to serve a three-year term on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Board, as the Landscape Maintenance Representative, later this meeting.

3. ADVISORY COUNCILS

Appointed Raymond Buchko to serve a three-year term on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Board, as the Pest Control Industry Representative, effective through March 2009.

4. ADVISORY COUNCILS

Appointed Cindy Gnegy to serve a three-year term and Dana O'Mara to fill an unexpired three-year term on the Keep Sarasota Beautiful Advisory Board, effective through January 2009.

5. GRANTS

- A.** Approved submission of a Litter Control and Prevention Grant Application to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);
- B.** Authorized Environmental Services Solid Waste General Manager Gary Bennett to act as the authorized representative to sign and submit the FDOT Litter Control and Prevention Grant Application.

6. CONTRACTS

Approved Contract No. 2006-205, with Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD., for oversizing a water main for the Honore Avenue, Phase IV, Project, pursuant to Resolution No. 86-086, at a cost not to exceed \$288,073.95.

7. FINANCIAL PLANNING

Authorized the conveyance of surplus property items to other governmental agencies, charitable organizations, deletion, auction, and/or disposal.

8. ADVISORY COUNCILS

Reappointed Karin Cole, Dr. Robert Rosenbluth, and Robert Zack to serve two-year terms on the Health Planning Council, as Provider Representatives, effective through March 2008.

9. CONTRACTS

Approved Contract No. 2006-206 with Manasota-SOLVE, Inc., for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Choose Life License Plate Fund, in the amount of \$20,500.00.

10. CONTRACTS

- A.** Approved Contract No. 2006-207, Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2005-473, with the Florida Department of Community Affairs for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funded services, in the amount of \$123,760.00;
- B.** Approved Contract No. 2006-208, Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2005-474, with the Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, for CSBG funded services, in the amount of \$126,235.00.

11. HOUSING

Approved the revised policy guidelines for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program.

12. CONTRACTS

Approved Contract No. 2006-209, a Subrecipient Agreement, with Coastal Renaissance Behavioral Health Services, Inc., for the provision of transitional housing, in the amount of \$204,351.00.

13. RESOLUTIONS

See consideration of a Resolution to provide consistency in the imposition of truck prohibitions on roadways in the County, later this meeting.

14. RESOLUTIONS

Adopted Resolution No. 2006-047 to prohibit through trucks on Banyan Drive between Shamrock Boulevard and Center Road, as recommended by the Traffic Advisory Council.

15. RESOLUTIONS

Adopted Resolution No. 2006-048 to lower the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour in the Town and Country Estates Subdivision, as recommended by the Traffic Advisory Council.

16. RESOLUTIONS

Adopted Resolution No. 2006-049 to lower the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour in the Three Oaks, Phase II, Subdivision, as recommended by the Traffic Advisory Council.

17. CONTRACTS

See consideration of a Contract, Specific Authorization No. 1 to Contract No. 2001-365, with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc., for the Fruitville Road Final Design and Environmental Permitting Project, later this meeting.

18. CONTRACTS

Approved Contract No. 2006-211, a Sale and Purchase Agreement, with SGD Investments, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for the purchase of a residential lot to protect the Salt Slough Midden area, a significant archaeological site lying within the City of North Port, in the amount of \$50,000.00.

19. CONTRACTS

Approved Contract No. 2006-212, Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2005-363, with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to authorize well permitting authority to the Health Department.

20. WARRANTS

Ratified and approved the warrants dated February 13 through March 3, 2006, in the amount of \$18,922,673.81, as detailed in the voucher packages filed in the Finance Department.

21. MINUTES

Approved the Minutes of the meetings dated February 13, February 21 (two sets), February 22, and February 24, 2006.

(9:29:47)

2. ADVISORY COUNCILS - Continued

Commr. Staub inquired and Health and Human Services Mosquito Management General Manager Lyman Roberts commented on a decrease in the meeting attendance of Integrated Pest Management Advisory Board (IPMAB) members.

2. ADVISORY COUNCILS - Continued

Following comments, Commr. Staub moved to reappoint Terry Lipman to serve a three-year term on the IPMAB, as the Landscape Maintenance Representative, effective through March 2009. The motion was seconded by Commr. Mercier.

Following discussion with Mr. Roberts on previous consideration to expand the IPMAB and the number of vacancies, County Administrator James Ley noted a future Staff report on policies regarding pest management, chemical uses, and fertilizer management. The motion carried without objection.

(9:36:04)

13. RESOLUTIONS - Continued

Following comments by Commr. Mercier, Public Works Traffic Engineering and Operations Manager Donald Galloway commented on the Traffic Advisory Council's (TAC) review/approval regarding the imposition of truck prohibitions on roadways in the County. Discussion ensued on trucks within neighborhoods, Sheriff Representative's vote against the Resolution/enforcement issues, examples of minor collector roads, public and commercial sector input, current number of areas with "No Through Truck" postings, and signage specifications relative to trucks over six wheels.

Commr. Mercier moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-046 to provide consistency in the imposition of truck prohibitions on roadways in the County, as recommended by the TAC. The motion was seconded by Commr. Staub. Following comments, the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

(9:46:51)

17. CONTRACTS - Continued

Commr. Thaxton inquired and Public Works Mobility Design Section Supervisor Carolyn Eastwood noted that Staff will review the possibility to designate/mark bicycle lanes on the shoulders of Fruitville Road. Discussion ensued on the bicycle lane designation on both sides of the road, type of surface (asphalt), safety issues, road striping process, and signage.

Commr. Thaxton moved to approve Contract No. 2006-210, Specific Authorization No. 1 to Contract No. 2001-365, with Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc., for the Fruitville Road Final Design and Environmental Permitting Project, in the amount of \$519,754.45, with the inclusion of bicycle lanes on the road shoulders. The motion was seconded by Commr. Patterson. Following comments on a proposal by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Secretary Stanley Cann's Office to delete bicycle lanes as a cost savings, the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

(9:51:53)

22. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER

Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller Karen Rushing noted the submittal and distribution of copies of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the 2005 Report on Major Revenue Sources, and the 2005 Report on Indebtness, and the availability of the CAFR on compact disc (CD) and on the Clerk's website. Clerk Rushing reviewed the financial condition for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, and introduced Clerk of the Circuit Court Finance Assistant Director Jeanette Phillips who gave a slide presentation on the County's Financial Report for FY ending September 30, 2005, and reviewed the prior and current year Staff recommendations and future Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASBS) revisions.

22. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER - Continued

Discussions were held with Clerk Rushing, Ms. Phillips, County Administrator James Ley, Clerk of the Circuit Court Finance Accounting Services Manager Sandra Johnston, and Enterprise Information Technology Chief Information Officer Bob Hanson on the following topics:

- financial impacts of bridge replacements/rebuildings/bridge life spans
- uniform accounting determinations/conformity for comparisons to other Counties
- inclusion of utilities in the Capital Assets
- local government unfunded liabilities/retirement accounts
- net worth of County in Capital Assets
- clarification of accrual versus modified accrual
- physical environment expenditures and revenues
- government expenditures greater than revenues/need for ad valorem taxes and additional funding sources
- revenue sources/defining of program versus general government revenues
- total balance of the General Fund/establishment of a Fund Balance Policy
- designated amount for compensated absences (sick/vacation pay)
- sustainable days for the General Fund only/comparisons to other Counties
- possible hurricane/storm events/consideration to review fund reserves
- Emergency Services fund balances/revenue composition/fire reserves
- General Fund percentage increases from 2001 to 2005/comparisons to other Counties
- timely closing of capital construction projects
- Information Technology (IT) total revenues versus total expenditures (pages 35 and 36 of Staff's report)
- basis for current year recommendation to establish a budgeting mechanism for IT funds
- IT external responsibilities/financial relationships with other governmental entities/School Board subsidies/vendor versus shared relationships.

Chair Mills commended Clerk Rushing and Staff for their presentation and efforts.

25. CLERK'S REPORT**A. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COMPTROLLER**

The Filed for Record List was noted.

RECESS: 10:44 a.m. - 10:54 a.m.

24. ADVISORY COUNCILS

Following comments by Chair Mills, Well Drilling Advisory Board (WDAB) Chair Ted Dyer summarized the Board's activities, concerns, and future projects. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- number of wells in the City of North Port/impacts to the aquifer system
- WDAB review/recommendation of the City of North Port well study
- term limits for WDAB members
- request for future review of the Board's policy regarding Advisory Board residency requirements, without objection.

Chair Mills commended the members of the Well Drilling Advisory Board for their service to the County.

23. ADVISORY COUNCILS

Following comments by Community Services History Center Historical Resources Specialist Lorrie Muldowney, Chair Mills noted no objection to the request to reschedule the Annual Report presentation by Historic Preservation Board Chair Doug Driscoll.

(11:01:55)

26. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**A. CONTRACTS/COMMUNITY SERVICES/PUBLIC WORKS/LEGISLATION**

County Administrator James Ley presented and discussed the following items:

- proposed Contract to continue concession services at Snook Haven
Discussion ensued with Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh on right-of-way and access to the property, rules of adverse possession, and the process to establish a right of ingress/egress.
Commr. Staub moved to approve Contract No. 2006-213 with Sunrise Sunset Concessions of Siesta Key, Inc., to provide interim concession services for Snook Haven located at 5000 East Venice Avenue, Venice. The motion was seconded by Commr. Mercier. Following discussion with Mr. McCarthy on the interim time frame (six months) and consideration of a citizens' committee/advisory board to ensure the retention of Snook Haven's historical ambiance, the motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Upon inquiry, Mr. McCarthy noted that Snook Haven would be open for business on March 16, 2006.
- submittal of an aerial photograph of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Fruitville Road Median Project (Tuttle Avenue to Lockwood Ridge Road)
Discussion ensued with Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott on the Pompano Avenue/Fruitville Road intersection, location of turn lanes, access impacts to the Boys and Girls Club and to Fair operations/events, location of the medians and turn lanes, FDOT's safety concerns/elimination of left turn traffic, status of the Project, possible right-of-way acquisitions/connector road to Lockwood Ridge Road, and access on Brink Avenue.
- proposed correspondence to the State Legislative Delegation
Commr. Staub moved to send correspondence, signed by the Chair, urging the dedication of a portion of the State's surplus tax revenue to enhance Florida's transportation network. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.
- United States Interior Department, Minerals Management Service, public hearing scheduled on April 6, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. at the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center in Tallahassee, Florida
Chair Mills noted consensus to direct Staff attending the public hearing to read correspondence from the Board noting concerns relative to the leasing sites/off-shore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.
- proposed State Legislation/Senate Bill (S.B.) 2312/House Bill (H.B.) 7077 regarding the use of surtax funds for transportation purposes and shared funding with municipalities
Commr. Mercier moved to exempt the County from the proposed Surtax Legislation. The motion was seconded by Commr. Patterson. Following comments, the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

(11:31:02)

27. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**A. PLATS**

County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh presented, and Commr. Thaxton moved to approve the Final Plat of Phillippi Pines. The motion, seconded by Commr. Staub, carried by a 5-0 vote.

(11:32:27)

28. COMMISSION REPORTS**A. PUBLIC WORKS/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICES/
ORGANIZATIONS/PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Commr. Thaxton commented on and discussions were held with County Administrator James Ley on the following topics/issues:

- receipt of a status report on the National Florida Flood Insurance Program regarding the County's ability to maintain compliance with Federal regulations/commended Public Works Stormwater Community Rating System Coordinator Desiree Companion and Staff for their efforts
- "clean up" of dead fish resulting from red tide outbreaks
Commr. Thaxton moved to schedule a future Board discussion on the County's fish "clean up" policy resulting from red tide outbreaks on publicly accessible beach areas. The motion, seconded by Commr. Staub, carried without objection.
- Clark Road Corridor Plan window sign requirements
Commr. Patterson moved to direct Staff to respond to correspondence received clarifying the regulations and to schedule a future Board discussion item on the Clark Road Corridor Plan window sign requirements with photographs provided. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.
- traffic controlled signs on Fruitville Road
- circulation of documents received by Mr. Don Smith regarding an Oregon Parks Facility Master Plan/Park Taxing District
- correspondence received by the Laurel Park Neighborhood Association regarding affordable housing and the Child Advocacy Center/consideration as a discussion item at the future joint meeting with the City of Sarasota
- concerns with the "clear cutting" of environmentally sensitive land/parcel located by Sarasota Square Mall/impacts to endangered species.

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B. PUBLIC WORKS/PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS

Commr. Staub commented on and discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- correspondence received by Venice Gardens residents noting objections to sidewalks on Pomelo Drive from Shamrock Boulevard to Briarwood Road/request for a Staff report on the matter, without objection
- correspondence from Kensington Park residents regarding tenant/rental concerns
Commr. Mercier advised that he will meet with the residents and provide a report on the matter.

28. COMMISSION REPORTS - Continued**B. PUBLIC WORKS/PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS -
Continued**

- status of the Siesta Key Residential Multi-Family (RMF) issue/previous Board decision by majority vote regarding the Zoning Code interpretation
County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh noted agreement to review the Board's previous direction/action and to work with Staff regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Ordinance revisions and commented on the role/authority of the Board/Legal Staff regarding Zoning Code interpretations by the Zoning Administrator.
- request for Board/County recognition of Patricia Caswell's efforts and service upon her retirement as the Sarasota County Arts Council Executive Director, without objection.

RECESS: 12:04 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

31. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**A. ORDINANCES**

Mr. Rich Unger commented in support of prohibiting underage individuals in alcoholic beverage establishments. Chair Mills acknowledged the attendance of Ms. Franky Rossmore and commended her service to the community. (See Item 34 later this meeting.)

(1:38:20)

32. ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Board considered the appointment of one individual to serve an unexpired four-year term on the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Advisory Board, effective through July 2008.

Commr. Patterson nominated Richard Howell. Commr. Mercier nominated Toddington Tracy. Commr. Staub nominated Terry Redman. Chair Mills nominated John Mead.

Commr. Thaxton moved to close the nominations. The motion, seconded by Commr. Staub, carried without objection.

Following a vote on the nominations, Chair Mills noted the appointment of Richard Howell to serve an unexpired four-year term on the Englewood CRA Advisory Board, effective through July 2008.

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33. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Board considered support of the Suncoast Workforce Board's (SWB) position to operate its own One-Stop Centers to provide direct services to customers, employers, and job-seekers.

Following comments by Chair Mills, Health and Human Services Social Services General Manager Charles Taylor presented an overview of the request and introduced Ms. Leslie Loveless with the SWB. Following comments, discussions were held with Ms. Loveless on the operation of the existing center/services and contact/support of the Legislative Delegation.

33. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Continued

Following comments, Commr. Patterson moved to approve correspondence, for the Chair's signature, in support of the SWB's position to operate its own One-Stop Centers to provide direct services to customers, employers, and job-seekers. The motion was seconded by Commr. Staub. Subsequent to discussion on action required at the State level, the motion carried by a 4-0 vote, with Commr. Mercier not present.

(1:50:21)

34. ORDINANCES

The Board considered a proposed Ordinance relating to the prohibition of minors under the age of 21 from entering alcoholic beverage establishments.

Assistant County Attorney Maria Korn commented on the proposed Ordinance and discussions were held with Assistant County Attorney Korn on defining and excluding restaurants from the proposed Ordinance and identification of nightclubs/alcoholic beverage establishments and the impact to existing regulations.

Subsequent to comments, Chair Mills noted deferral of action on the Item until later this meeting. (See Item 31A earlier this meeting and this Item later this meeting.)

(1:58:25)

35. RESOLUTIONS

- A. (Not a public hearing.) Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Update;
- B. Public hearing to consider a proposed Resolution, Budget Amendment No. B2006-043, for the SCAT route expansion, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Having been duly sworn, Public Works Transportation Planning Senior Planner Sarah Blanchard noted the previous Board action relating to transit funding and the requirement for a Budget Amendment, submitted a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the proposed SCAT enhancements and improvements to transit access. Discussions were held with Ms. Blanchard, Public Works Mobility Transit General Manager Anthony Beckford, duly sworn, and County Administrator James Ley on the following topics/issues:

- identification of key employment areas/major employers
- review of additional service hours/Sunday and evening service schedules
- Phase 1-A, New Services scheduled for July 2006
- options for services to shopping facilities in Charlotte County/requirement for Interlocal Agreements
- Phase 1-B, New Services scheduled for September 2006
- estimated costs/consideration of projects by Ad-Hoc Committee/various Organizations/Municipalities/cost shares/time frame for consideration
- Phase 1-C, New Services through 2007
- options for efficiency investments/dedicated route expansions.

Commr. Staub moved to close the public hearing. The motion, seconded by Commr. Thaxton, carried without objection.

Commr. Staub moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-050, approving Budget Amendment No. B2006-043, for the SCAT route expansion, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The motion, seconded by Commr. Patterson, carried by a 4-0 vote, with Commr. Mercier not present.

(2:23:50)

36. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Board considered the 2006 Hurricane Shelter Strategy and Preparation.

Following comments by Emergency Services Executive Director David Harrawood, Emergency Services Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2006 Hurricane Shelter Strategy and Preparation. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- location of pet friendly shelters/number designated in North versus South County
- elevations denoted for the Sarasota High School shelter
- improved construction guidelines for shelters
- designation of shelter use based on storm surge/wind potential
- new shelters completed/hardened
- determination of evacuation zones for individual residential structures/public notification options.

(2:42:01)

34. ORDINANCES - Continued

Health and Human Services Criminal Justice Coordinator General Manager James Schulz noted previous Board direction relating to attendance of underage patrons in alcoholic beverage establishments and presented an overview of Staff's report. Discussions were held with Mr. Schulz and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh on the following topics/issues:

- determination of concert event versus customary/regular live bands
- relocation of a facility in the unincorporated area of the County
- impact on adoption of an Ordinance to existing businesses
- determination of establishments to be governed/existing Ordinances/Zoning Code
- number of total facilities versus facilities in the unincorporated County (submitted a list of facilities registered through the Health Department)
- consideration of a proposal by the Community Youth Development (CYD) organization
- options to restrict hours of attendance by underage patrons
- defenses to enforcement/impact of fraudulent identification.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Schulz and County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh on the process for determination/rationale for additional regulation of bars/lounges/nightclubs, Chair Mills noted Staff direction to research and schedule a discussion item to provide additional information relating to existing facilities/locations and to review existing Ordinances/Codes relating to the criteria to identify a nightclub establishment.

(3:22:30)

37. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Board considered Staff's report on the 2006 Wild Fire Season.

Following comments by Emergency Services Fire Chief Brian Gorski, Emergency Services Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Chuck Johnston and Emergency Services Fire Marshall and Mitigation Officer Joe Padgett presented an overview of the 2006 Wild Fire Season. Discussions were held with Mr. Johnston and Mr. Padgett on the following topics/issues:

- identification of wildfire areas in previous years
- location of current fire mitigation areas

37. EMERGENCY SERVICES - Continued

- definition of "black line" terminology/location of "black line" areas
- impediments present for burning strategy on urban boundaries
- impacts by weather systems/fronts
- mechanical removal (non-burn methods) of vegetation reduction
- wildfire preventative measures
- successful removal of hurricane damaged vegetation.

Individual comments followed.

(3:36:35)

28. COMMISSION REPORTS - Continued**C. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Commr. Patterson commented on and discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- Big Pass Channel markers installation/maintenance options
- options to include a dog park in the Park Plan for the property located at Bee Ridge Road/Honore Avenue

Commr. Staub moved to direct Staff to review opportunities to include a "paw park" at the Bee Ridge Road/Honore Avenue park location. The motion, seconded by Commr. Patterson, carried by a 5-0 vote.

- reports of overflowing trash bins on Crescent Beach/options for additional refuse pickups.

(3:47:50)

D. ORGANIZATIONS/LEGISLATION

Commr. Mercier commented on and discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- participation by former United States Secretary of State Colin Powell and his agreement to appear in a video for the Mentoring Task Force
- status of the review of the St. Johns' County, Florida, Ordinance and a request by the Manasota League of Cities on the County's position on the regulation of fertilizer applications/methods
- the audited Annual Financial Report presented at the Sarasota Bay National Estuaries Program Policy Committee and consideration of options for distribution of funding/Program management/suggestion to increase efforts to obtain additional funding/grant awards
- Florida Association of Counties' position relating to the Juvenile Justice "buy-out"/Juvenile Justice Council anticipated increased assessment
- proposed legislation related to homestead exemption portability.

(3:55:50)

E. FEDERAL AGENCIES/PUBLIC WORKS

Chair Mills commented on and discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- meetings held/items discussed with Legislative members during a conference attended in Washington, D.C./health care costs related to personal lifestyle choices/enrollment issues relating to the Medicare Part D Prescription Program
- status of the "Pinecraft easements."

(4:00:35)

29. BCC

The Board reviewed the County Commission Outstanding Board Assignments Report dated March 8, 2006. The following assignments were discussed:

- Item No. 06014, ID No. 1
- Item No. 06024, ID No. 2
- Item No. 06018, ID No. 3
- Item No. 06015, ID No. 6
- Item No. 06011, ID No. 5

30. BCC

The Board discussed the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

31. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Continued) - No one appeared at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:08 p.m.