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**SARASOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
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SARASOTA, FLORIDA**

9:00 a.m.

Nora Patterson, Chair, District 4
Shannon Staub, Vice Chair, District 3
Paul H. Mercier, District 1
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2
Jon Thaxton, District 5

Also present were:

James Ley, County Administrator
Stephen DeMarsh, County Attorney
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

BUDGET WORKSHOP

(9:03:13)

(Vice Chair Staub noted the late arrival of Chair Patterson.)

(9:03:24)

1. FINANCIAL PLANNING

Workshop to consider the development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Budget.

Staff Presenter: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

(9:05:14)

A. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Board of County Commissioners, as outlined on page 1, Tab 4, Elected Officials/Other Agencies.

Staff Presenter: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

(9:05:52)

B. GUARDIAN AD LITEM

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, as outlined in Chapter 4, page 10, Elected Officials/Other Agencies.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward, and Financial Planning Budget Process Supervisor William Horiszny

(Vice Chair Staub noted the arrival of Chair Patterson.)

(9:11:30)

C. ADMINISTRATION

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for County Administration, as outlined on page 10, Tab 4, Appointed Officials and Boards.

Staff Presenter: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

(9:11:49)

D. MEDICAL EXAMINER

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Medical Examiner, as outlined on page 2, Tab 4 Appointed Officials and Boards.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock and Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward

(9:14:25)

E. COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the County Attorney, as outlined on page 3, Tab 4, Appointed Officials and Boards.

Staff Presenter: County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh

9:27:11 Board Action: Requested the County Attorney to bring back a report regarding options for lawsuits filed against the County to reimburse/collect attorney's fees. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

(9:28:53)

F. CHARTER REVIEW BOARD

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for the Charter Review Board, as outlined on page 4, Tab 4, Appointed Officials and Boards.

Staff Presenter: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock

(9:29:22)

G. TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for Tourist Development, as outlined on page 5, Tab 4, Appointed Officials and Boards.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, County Administrator James Ley, and Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward

Item submitted: A copy of a document entitled "Sarasota Spring Training Complex, Project Cost/Funding Comparison Summary" dated July 3, 2007

9:50:29 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator contact the City of Sarasota regarding scheduling a joint meeting to discuss funding of the proposed stadium. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

9:57:36 Board Action: Moved to segregate the funding for the proposed stadium from the Beach Renourishment Fund, with the anticipation of a modified Joint Agreement with the City of Sarasota. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Staub, failed by a 2-3 vote; Mercier, Patterson, and Thaxton voted "No."

9:59:04 Board Action: Segregated the funds for the proposed stadium from the Beach Renourishment Fund pending further Board action. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 4-1 vote; Mercier voted "No."

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Board considered the proposed FY 2008 Budget for Economic Development, as outlined on page 6, Tab 4, Appointed Officials and Boards.

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock and Chief Financial Planning Officer Jeffrey Seward

(10:03:51)

2. OTHER BUSINESS**A. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Staff Presenters: Deputy County Administrator David Bullock, County Administrator James Ley, Deputy County Administrator Susan Scott, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, Community Services Parks and Recreation General Manager John McCarthy, Community Services Executive Director Larry Arnold, and Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott

10:16:34 Board Action: Approved to send correspondence to the Sheriff regarding locating a source of funding to keep the South County Jail operable. Moved by Staub, seconded by Mercier, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:17:38 Board Action: Approved to send correspondence to the City of North Port and the City of Venice regarding locating funding in their budgets for the physical maintenance of the South County Jail. Moved by Staub, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:23:51 Board Action: Approved to send correspondence to the Secretary of State requesting a response to the Board's intent regarding the purchase of voting equipment. Moved by Barbetta, seconded by Thaxton, carried by a 5-0 vote.

10:26:58 Board Action: Requested a report regarding the cost increase by Diebold Election Systems for the voting machines. Requested by Barbetta, without objection.

10:34:21 Board Action: Requested to add \$250,000.00 to the Community Service Parks and Recreation Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, pending Board consideration on the request to sell beer and wine on the beaches and the reallocation of funds. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:38:03 Board Action: Requested that the County Administrator to allocate the revenue to the Parks and Recreation Budget if the revenue source from Turtle Beach Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park is reduced or eliminated by the Board. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

10:46:24 Board Action: Requested to bring back a report regarding a program for paid parking at the beaches. Requested by Patterson, without objection.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:10 a.m.