

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 18, 2016**

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Room B-106, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Duffy. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Sandrock, Deputy County Administrator Shoemaker, County Attorney Knowlton, Minutes Clerk Cash, Minutes Trainee Johnson, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None

**The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am**, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Economic Development Director Comments**

Lucienne Pears, Economic Development Director expressed gratitude to be welcoming Western Michigan University (WMU) to Charlotte County at the upcoming ribbon cutting.

**Chair Truex** thanked Ms. Pears and conveyed excitement about the WMU ribbon cutting.

**2. Sewer Master Plan Kickoff**

**Chair Truex** introduced Thomas Friedrich, Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc. Principal and Vice President.

Mr. Friedrich introduced the Sewer Master Plan Project Team and gave a brief overview of Sewer Master Plan, Charlotte Harbor Estuary, Stewardship of the Environment, Purpose & Approach, Goals & Objectives, Outcomes of Sewer Master Plan, Next Steps, and responded to Board inquiries. Christopher Baggett, Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc. gave a brief overview of the Project Schedule, Public Outreach Key Stakeholders, Public Outreach through Open House Meetings, and responded to Board inquiries. Tony Hairston, Raftelis Financial Consultant gave a brief overview of Funding Project Costs, How Do Public Utilities Fund Sewer Projects, Affordable Sewer Projects, Preliminary Comparison, Other Considerations, and responded to Board inquiries. Terri Lowery, Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc. discussed grant funding, advocating sewer commitment, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), septic tank environmental impacts, and fee structures.

County Administrator Sandrock commented on assessment methodology, public hearing target dates, and public communication.

**Chair Truex** spoke to advocating sewer commitment, septic tank environmental impacts, Charlotte Harbor water quality monitoring, educating public, project schedule, undeveloped infrastructure, and fee structure options. **Commissioner Constance** discussed project schedule, open houses, Health Department communication, methodology formulas, The Keys project funding, and density sequence plan. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on public communication, and sewer action plan. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to water quality, defining priorities, system technology choices, educating public, project schedule, and funding options. **Commissioner Duffy** inquired about grant funding,

Charlotte Harbor water quality monitoring, infrastructure costs, discussed public communication, and septic tank environmental impacts.

**RECESS: 10:17 am – 10:32 am**

**Taken Out of Order**

#### **4. Medical Marijuana**

Shaun Cullinan, Zoning Official gave a brief overview of happenings to date, Staff preparations, items moving forward, and responded to Board inquiries. Emily Lewis, Legislative Manager discussed Legislative and Department of Health rule making process if Amendment passes, Constitutional Review Commission, cultivation regulations, and dispensing regulations. Joshua Moye, Assistant County Attorney commented on Department of Justice guidelines, Department of Health Regulations, and County regulations.

**Chair Truex** inquired about pain relief usage, spoke to federal law, security issues, and Hernando County current law. **Commissioner Constance** inquired about City of Punta Gorda zoning, and discussed Compassionate Care Act, ways of consumption, pain relief usage, dispensary locations, enacting legislation, buffer sizes, federal law, Sarasota County current laws, and Florida Association of Counties (FAC). **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Sarasota County current laws, enacting legislation, working with FAC and Florida Association of County Attorneys (FACA), and federal law. **Commissioner Duffy** spoke to dispensary locations, ways of consumption, pain relief usage, enacting legislation, and cultivation regulations.

#### **3. Transfer of Density Units (TDU)**

Mr. Cullinan gave a brief overview of History of the TDU, Current Status, Discussion Points: Encumbrances Issue, Unacceptable Encumbrances Issue, Excess Density Issue, and responded to Board inquiries.

County Attorney Knowlton discussed stripping density and density bank provision.

Mr. Moye commented on title search covenant. Jie Shao, Principal Planner spoke to stripping density.

**Chair Truex** discussed voluntary reduction of density units, moving density, determining maximum density, excess density, stripping density, and planning and zoning flexibility. **Commissioner Constance** commented on density bank, lost density, determining maximum density, excess density, moving density, encumbrances, stripping density, and density change notification. **Commissioner Deutsch** inquired about other communities using TDU's and spoke to zoning criteria. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed TDU history, excess density, and planning and zoning flexibility. **Commissioner Duffy** commented on TDU history, planning and zoning flexibility, stripping density, excess density, and Tuckers Grade density.

**AA. County Administrator: None**

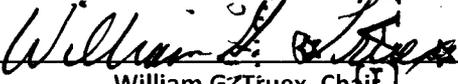
**BB. County Attorney: None**

**CC. Commissioner Comments:**

**Chair Truex** spoke to testing water quality at beaches. **Commissioner Constance** discussed signalization along US 41, Edgewater Drive completion date, and monitoring water quality at beaches. **Commissioner Duffy** inquired about algae in water.

Venkat Vattikuti, County Transportation Engineer commented on signalization along US 41. Travis Mortimer, Capital Projects Manager spoke to Edgewater Drive completion date.

**ADJOURNED: 11:40 am**

  
William G. Truex, Chair  
  
DATE ADOPTED: November 2, 2016

**ATTEST:**

**BARBARA T. SCOTT, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: Michelle DiBerardino  
Deputy Clerk