

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARCH 19, 2024**

A Board Workshop was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex (via teleconference), Vice Chair Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

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

County Administrator Flores highlighted Board Workshop.

**1. Medical Examiner Update**

Russell S. Vega, M.D., District 22 Medical Examiner gave a brief overview of Death Investigations, Criminal Investigations, Investigative Authority, Public Health, Mass Fatality Events, Operational Details, Medical Examiner (ME) Office Progress, Workload Driver: Population, Workload 2015-2023: Accepted Cases and Autopsies, Referred Cases and Cremations, Common Violent Deaths, The Opioid Crisis, Opioids and Overdose, and Overdose Deaths.

**Vice Chair Constance** mentioned information segregation, infrastructure, statutory requirements, ME Office Progress, Overdose Deaths, Common Violent Deaths, Sarasota ME Office March 21, 2024 Open House, and certified and licensed toxicology laboratory. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed death certificates, Common Violent Deaths, suicide rate, population, impact, and Overdose Deaths. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on facility, budget, Capital Needs Assessment (CNA), ME Office Progress, responsibility, pathway, upgrades, Information Technology (IT), Workload 2015-2023, autopsies, COVID and COVID-related deaths, Overdose Deaths, impacts, mental illness, and drug use.

County Administrator Flores responded to 20-Year CNA, facility, and budget.

**2. Dedicated Non-accepted Roads**

John Elias, Public Works Director gave a brief overview of Dedicated Not Accepted (DNA) Roads, DNA Road Scenarios, Process for Acceptance, Process for Acceptance Continued, DNA Paper Street Scenarios, Build Road to County Standard - Paper Streets, Local Road County Standard Detail, Right-of-Way Clearing/Construction Release, South County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads, Mid County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads, and West County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads.

**Chair Truex** noted challenged areas. **Vice Chair Constance** spoke to South County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads, Build Road to County Standard - Paper Streets, Local Road County Standard Detail, traffic, asphalt, dedicated and accepted paper streets, policy, permits, property access, responsibility, General Development Corporation, public services, property rights, health welfare and safety, resources, and Peace River Preserve. **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned paper streets, Oil Well Road, road improvements, responsibility, and DNA Road Scenarios. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Mid County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads, Harbour Heights, Build Road to County Standard - Paper Streets, public services, Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU), Tropical Gulf Acres (TGA), work program, special assessment projects, Process for Acceptance, Process for Acceptance Continued, Local Road County Standard Detail, policy, funding mechanism, permits, cost, and staff resources. **Commissioner Tiseo** commented on Mid County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads, Harbour Heights, paper streets, inventory, Process for Acceptance, road maintenance and conditions, responsibility, property purchase, pre-existing conditions, funding, Charlotte Ranchettes, Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), MSBU, Process for Acceptance Continued, policy, permits, disclaimer, staff resources, and methodology.

Count Attorney Knowlton interjected on Process for Acceptance Continued, MSBU Creation, majority support, responsibility, property location and purchase, and inspections.

Ben Bailey, Community Development Director remarked on building permit process and review, property access and rights, Public Works, easements, roadways, public services, Mid County - Dedicated Not Accepted Roads, Harbour Heights, conservation, and Peace River Preserve.

County Administrator Flores replied to DNA Roads, Transportation Trust Fund, challenges, and projects.

### 3. Deep Creek MOU

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Charlotte County Deep Creek Section 20 - Culverts, Deep Creek Section 23 - Culverts, Stakeholder Meetings, Updates, Work Program, Staffing & Equipment, and Next Steps.

**Commissioner Doherty** noted efforts, drainage challenges, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), General Development Corporation, work scope, Mid-Charlotte Stormwater MSBU, and funding source.

### 4. Manchester Waterway

Mr. Elias gave a brief overview of Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Options, Manchester Waterway MSBU Boundary Map, Manchester Waterway MSBU, Proposed Manchester Cut through Cost Estimates, Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map: Option 1, Option 2, and Next Steps.

**Chair Truex** spoke to direct mail, notification, Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 1, Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 2, environment and water quality improvements, watershed, referendum, language, project, attributes, and benefits. **Vice Chair Constance** mentioned Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 2, purpose, waterfront

properties, access, unoccupied and occupied tax rates, referendum, water quality, cut throughs, and watershed. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed scrub jay territory, Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 2, election process, referendum, property ownership, taxes, and Next Steps. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on occupied and vacant lots, Edgewater Drive, water frontage, timeframe, Next Steps, referendum, process, property owners, project, assessments, phased approach, boundaries, notification, Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 1, Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 2, millage rates, input, data, and Atkins North America, Inc. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted Proposed Manchester Waterway MSTU Boundary Map Option 2, property location and ownership, scrub jay territory, voting, equitable treatment, vacant and occupied lots, methodology, referendum, taxation, Sales Tax, timeframe, evaluations, Next Steps, assessments, and public disclosure.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on procedural process, direct mail, referendum, language, and public disclosure.

#### 5. Burnt Store Area Plan

Shaun Cullinan, Planning and Zoning Official gave a brief overview of Public Private Partnership (PPP), Burnt Store Area Plan, Future Land Use, What the Plan Doesn't Address, Charlotte County: Burnt Store Area Plan Boundaries, Planned Developments (PDs) Within The Burnt Store Area Plan, Future Land Use Designations, Zoning, Urban Service Area, Resource Area Map, Prince Ranch, Home Dynamics, Heritage Station, Simple Life, Coral Creek, Firelight, Burnt Store Preserve, Turnleaf, Starling, South Charlotte Property LLC, Current Population, Commercial Entitlements, Charlotte County Commercial Development Rights Within The Burnt Store Area Plan, Commercial Projection Based on Metro Forecasting Models, Commercial Availability Summary, Currently Occurring, Tasks Underway or Completed, Discussion, responded to Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), environmental resource permit (ERP) process, impacts, and Natural Resource Division.

**Vice Chair Constance** spoke to cost, private entities, contribution, Future Land Use, resource conservation, wetlands mitigation, preserves, Planned Developments (PDs) Within the Burnt Store Area Plan, Future Land Use Designations, Zoning, water retention, entitlements, Burnt Store Area Plan, Regular Meeting agenda item, public input, infrastructure, improvements, and funding. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Regular Meeting agenda item, public input, inventory, Zoning, and Burnt Store Area Plan. **Commissioner Tiseo** discussed on What the Plan Doesn't Address, regulations, pre-existing properties, impacts, conveyance ditches, new development, planning and review process, flooding, City of Punta Gorda, Hurricane Ian, standards, South Charlotte Stormwater MSBU, Burnt Store Corridor Coalition, Future Land Use Designations, Resource Area Map, Tasks Underway or Completed, projects, Burnt Store Area Plan, Commercial Entitlements, Commercial Projection Based on Metro Forecasting Models, Discussion, consultant, data, public input, and agenda item.

Joanne Vernon, County Engineer responded to post and predevelopment evaluation, process, peak rate, offsite drainage, What the Plan Doesn't Address, impacts, hydrological study, South Charlotte Stormwater MSBU, and stakeholder meeting.


Mr. Elias replied to What the Plan Doesn't Address, work orders, Burnt Store Corridor Coalition, flooding, Hurricane Ian, conveyance system, and hydrological study.

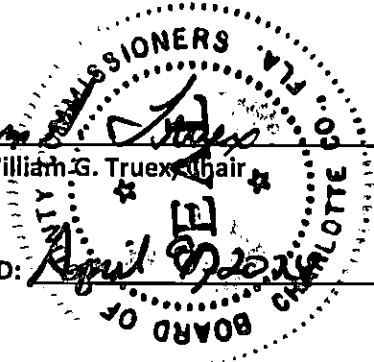
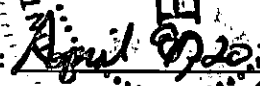
**AA. County Administrator Comments - None**

**BB. County Attorney Comments - None**

**CC. Commissioner Comments - None**


**ADJOURNED: 12:12 pm**

  
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William G. Truex, Chair

  
DATE ADOPTED:   
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**ATTEST:**

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND  
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By:   
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Deputy Clerk