

## MEETING OPENED

The Board of County Commissioners met in Commission Chambers on the First Floor, Orange County Administration Center, on Tuesday, July 20, 1999. The following were present:

- County Chairman Mel Martinez
- Commissioners Bob Freeman, Bob Sindler, Mary Johnson, Clarence Hoenstine, and Ted Edwards
- County Administrator Ajit Lalchandani
- County Attorney Tom Wilkes
- Chief Deputy Comptroller as Clerk Jim Moye
- Assistant Deputy Clerk Jeanene Wells

Commissioner Homer Hartage joined the meeting where indicated.

There being a quorum, the County Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## NONAGENDA - INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Commissioner Edwards welcomed several high school exchange students from France and Spain.

## COUNTY COMPTROLLER

1. Authorize the disbursement of warrants, vouchers, and wire transfers, having been certified that same had not been drawn on overexpended accounts, as follows:
  - Period from July 8, 1999, to July 14, 1999; total of \$10,901,226.74.
  - Period from July 15, 1999, to July 15, 1999; total of \$9,586,685.86.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/COUNTY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Board consideration of preliminary interlocal agreement between Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the County for light rail transit services for the Orange County Convention Center.

#### Staff Report

County Attorney Tom Wilkes reviewed the light rail minimum operating segment and the resolution adopted by the Board on April 13, 1999. Mr. Wilkes outlined the proposed preliminary agreement and explained that it sets the parameters for negotiation of the final agreement. He concluded the presentation by overviewing additional project agreements that Lynx is currently negotiating and noting project issues that will be coming to the Board in the near future.

Commissioner Hartage joined the meeting.

#### Discussion

The Board discussed whether general funds and increased property taxes will be used to fund the light rail project, the cost of security, and whether the County will be a party to the project's master interlocal agreement. The Board also discussed Tourist Development Tax funds and the conditions of utilizing those funds, the sunset provision of the preliminary agreement, and reduction and cutoff of operating and maintenance cost payments in the event of poor service performance.

The Board further discussed an optional International Drive circulator or monorail system, the effect of median closures on International Drive businesses, whether the sales tax will eventually have to be raised for continued financing of this project, and the need for a project oversight committee. The Board also discussed cost overrun liability, a supplemental feeder bus system, cost allocation between the International Drive and downtown segments, Orlando's usage of Schrimsher Interchange Community Redevelopment Agency funds to finance the project, St. Louis' light rail system, and a Lynx generated bond validation suit.

#### Appearances

The following persons addressed the Board:

- R.P. Mohnacky, 1820 Prairie Lake Boulevard, Ocoee, Florida.
- Collette Chartrand, 129 East Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida.

- Doug Guetzloe, 1808 Antigua Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- Keith Recine, 11724 Reedy Creek Drive 205, Orlando, Florida.
- Larry Calabretta, 5111 Nadine Street, Orlando, Florida.
- Gerald Lowenstein, vice-president of the Williamsburg Homeowners' Association, 1000 West Greendale Lane, Orlando, Florida.
- Al Pergande, 1314 Chichester Street, Orlando, Florida.
- Jack Glazier, president of the Williamsburg Homeowners' Association, 11425 Sandy Hill Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- Tammy Carter, 1010 Terrace Boulevard, Orlando, Florida.
- Joe Canzoneri, 1112 Lucerne Terrace, Orlando, Florida.
- Donna Barron, 213 Rosearden Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- David Barron, 213 Rosearden Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- Joseph Checklowski, 1252 Virginian Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- Robert Iles, 1403 Parrot Way, Longwood, Florida.
- Miriam Lancaster, 301 East Smith Street, Orlando, Florida.
- Charley Williams, Post Office Box 2684, Orlando, Florida.
- Lisa Pardus, 1650 Cimarron Hills Drive, Apopka, Florida.
- James Coney, 5914 Turnbull Drive, Orlando, Florida.
- Chris Adamik, 98 Tollgate Trail, Longwood, Florida.
- Theda Goldman, alternate delegate for Williamsburg Homeowners' Association, 10440 Manassas Circle, Orlando, Florida.

- Leo Auger, executive director of the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (no address given).
- Stephen Willis, assistant executive director for construction and engineering with Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (no address given).

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by County Chairman Martinez, and carried with County Chairman Martinez and Commissioners Johnson, Hoenstine, and Hartage voting AYE by voice vote; Commissioners Freeman, Sindler, and Edwards voting NO by voice vote; the Board approved the preliminary interlocal agreement between Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the County for light rail transit services for the Orange County Convention Center with a revised sunset date of October 1, 1999.

Action

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Sindler, and carried with County Chairman Martinez and Commissioners Freeman, Sindler, Edwards, and Hartage voting AYE by voice vote; Commissioners Johnson and Hoenstine voting NO by voice vote; the Board amended the above motion to add language amending Section 3 as follows:

10. Orange County and the City of Orlando agreeing upon a sunset of the Downtown CRA with an agreed upon maximum annual County contribution prior to its sunseting.
11. No funds from the Schrimsher CRA shall be used either directly or indirectly for the light rail project including but not limited to FDOT assigning to the City of Orlando any CRA revenues for I-4 improvements.
12. The County and the City of Orlando agreeing to maintain at a minimum of fiscal year 1997 funding for Lynx bus service (excluding light rail, Lymmo, or other non-bus services).

(Agreement is on file in the office of the Comptroller Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.)

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the County Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Martha O. Haynie  
County Comptroller as Clerk      County Chairman

Deputy Clerk

Minutes Coordinator

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