

MAY 9, 2011

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Lee County Commissioners sitting as the Board Management and Planning (M&P) Committee was held on this date with the following Commissioners present:

Frank B. Mann, Chairman  
 John E. Manning, Vice Chairman  
 Ray Judah (arrived at 1:32 p.m.)  
 Tammara Hall  
 A. Brian Bigelow (arrived at 1:33 p.m.)

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**1. TRANSIT TASK FORCE PHASE I (SHORT TERM) RECOMMENDATION**

**At the January 10, 2011 M&P meeting, the Board directed the County Manager to call together a varied group of representatives from the private sector to form a Transit Task Force. The Task Force was asked to provide recommendations on the immediate budget issues facing transit and with forming a long term vision for transit in Lee County. In this item, County Administration and Lee Tran staff is presenting the short term recommendations adopted by the Transit Task Force.**

OPTIONS:

Accept the Recommendations of the Transit Task Force  
 Reject the Recommendations of the Transit Task Force

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Transit Task Force short term recommendations.

Assistant County Manager Holly Schwartz provided an introduction of the Transit Task Force Phase I short term recommendation to be presented, and recognized the volunteer members of the Task Force in attendance: Dan Moser of Bike-Walk-Lee, Edd Weiner of Lehigh Acres Economic Development, Lee County's Community Transportation Coordinator - Good Wheels, Inc. Glee Duff, and Courtyard by Marriot, Colleen DePasquale. Closely following a PowerPoint presentation, Transit Director Steve Myers provided an update of Transit Task Force Phase I short term recommendations as noted on page 3 of the presentation; and Lee Tran Principal Planner Mike Horsting explained the Six (6) Service Initiatives contained on page 25 of the presentation. Mr. Myers suggested a blue sheet be brought back for Board approval incorporating the recommended changes for the 2011/2012 budget, public outreach by customer comment cards, a public hearing on elimination of Route 160-Pine Island, and Phase II Transit Task Force – long-term visioning and funding recommendations. Mr. Myers and County Manager Karen Hawes responded to Board questions, and there was consensus to bring this matter back on a blue sheet for the Board approval.

**2. NUISANCE DRIFT ALGAE STUDY, FINAL REPORT**

**Ai Ning Loh will present the significant findings of the two-year algae study to the Board. Note that the Executive Report was distributed with this M&P item. A full technical report including appendices is also available.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the final report as a basis for potential future actions.

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Study Team Leader Dr. Ai Ning Loh provided the results of a two-year project on the bioavailability and sources of nutrients, and the linkages to nuisance drift algae. With the use of a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Loh summarized the Executive Report and Technical Summary. Dr. Loh and fellow co-investigator Dr. Michael Parsons responded to Board questions. At the request of Chairman Mann, Lee County Natural Resources Director Roland Ottolini recommended acceptance of the final report. There was Board consensus to accept the final report as a basis for potential future actions.

**3. LEE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCE (LEEF) PROGRAM**

**Provide description and history of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and the Lee Energy Efficiency Finance (LEEF) program.**

RECOMMENDATION:

Establish legal County parameters through a BoCC approved resolution per House Bill 7179 (2010). This action will enable the County to establish a formal energy efficiency program and ensure eligibility opportunities once the Federal mortgage financing issues are resolved.

Community Sustainability Program Manager Tessa LeSage, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, provided a description and history of the PACE and the LEEF programs, and reviewed the potential Federal issues. Ms. LeSage, County Manager Karen Hawes, and Assistant County Manager Doug Meurer responded to Commissioner Judah’s inquiry on the solar hot water heater program. Board consensus was to bring back a viable LEEF program for Board approval.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

ATTEST:  
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

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Deputy Clerk

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[Chairman, Lee County Commission](#)