

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

9:00 AM

The Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, met in regular session on March 18, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Government Center Commission Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robin Fisher	Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1	Present	
Chuck Nelson	Commissioner District 2	Present	
Trudie Infantini	Commissioner District 3	Present	
Mary Bolin Lewis	Chairman/Commissioner District 4	Present	
Andy Anderson	Commissioner District 5	Present	

INVOCATION

Pastor Joseph Ronsisvalle, Rockledge Christian Center provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Bolin Lewis led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved the January 16, 2014, Workshop meeting minutes; and February 4, 2014, and February 18, 2014, Regular meeting minutes.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM I.A., PRESENTATION, RE: VOLUNTEER STARS LIGHT UP BREVARD

Howard Tipton, County Manager, introduced Margie Collins, Brevard County Brevardians Responding As Volunteers (B.R.A.V.E.) Volunteer Coordinator, who will describe *Volunteer Stars Light Up Brevard* initiative and introduce the Department that will be presenting the award; and she will pass the presentation to Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Director, who will recognize volunteer Ted Beck.

Ms. Collins expressed her thanks to the Board for the opportunity to honor the many hundreds of volunteers serving Brevard County; stated today a Parks and Recreation volunteer will be recognized; and she introduced Mr. Masson.

Mr. Masson stated it is his pleasure to introduce Ted Beck the Parks and Recreation volunteer; a strong volunteer support system is the bedrock of a successful Parks and Recreation

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Program; in the last completed Fiscal Year a total of 449,809 volunteer hours were provided in the Parks and Recreation Programs; the facilities, events, leagues, activities, centers, and numerous services are offered to the community; it equates to about \$5.4 million dollars worth of services provided; and he is humbled to have a long-term volunteer Mr. Beck. He stated Mr. Beck served his country in the Army for 22 years; he served two tours in Vietnam and Europe before retiring; and moving to Titusville in 1971 to start his successful real estate business. He added, Mr. Beck was first appointed to the North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation in 1985; he has served a total of 29 years as chairman, vice-chairman, and various committees liaison in serving the quality of life issues specifically in North Brevard; he took a very strong leadership role in the development of the Chain of Lakes Park; and his staff and he are grateful for Mr. Beck's voluntary services.

Mr. Beck stated he is truly honored to have this bestowed award; he was not expecting it; it has been a good ride all the way through; he has enjoyed being involved with Parks and Recreation; and he expressed his thanks to the Board.

The Board acknowledged presentation by Margie Collins, B.R.A.V.E. Volunteer Coordinator, who described *Volunteer Stars Light Up Brevard* initiative; and Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized Ted Beck, who volunteers with Parks and Recreation.

ITEM I.B., RESOLUTION, RE: RECOGNIZING MARCH 16-22, 2014, AS FLORIDA SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS WEEK IN BREVARD COUNTY

Commissioner Nelson read aloud, and the Board adopted, Resolution No. 14-037, recognizing March 16-22, 2014, as "Florida Surveyors & Mappers Week" in Brevard County.

Thomas Stevenson, Past President of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society Space Coast Chapter accept the Resolution; and expressed his thanks to the Board for this recognition and acknowledgement.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM I.C., PRESENTATION, RE: EXPEDITION BREVARD, APRIL 2-13, 2014

Neta Harris, Executive Director of Brevard Nature Alliance, stated this is the second annual event called Expedition Brevard held on April 2-13; it is an active rolling festival throughout Brevard County; there are activities planned with a number of organizations and businesses; on April 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Fox Lake Park is Family Day, that one will need to register for; and the website www.expeditionbrevard.com has directions, information, and registry available.

Marcia Gaedcke, President of Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce; stated she is thrilled to be partnering with Expedition Brevard, especially with the redevelopment and regeneration of the Indian River Festival; a couple of years ago it was taken in-house and turned into a free admission and parking festival focusing on the natural environment, arts and culture, outdoor recreation, and health; and the Brevard Nature Alliance and Expedition Corridor is just one of the things that will be done, along with some oyster mat making, a hike from the festival, kite

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flying, music, and seafood. She stated she appreciates the partnerships; and looks forward to building the events together.

Mike Knight, Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Manager, expressed his thanks to Ms. Harris for all of her hard work; stated the Endangered Lands Program is very happy to be a part of the birding festival every year; and the wildlife corridor expedition, which presents numerous opportunities to get out and enjoy the Conservation Lands that are preserved in Brevard County. He went on to say that several of the Sanctuaries are being highlighted this year with a scrub jay hike at the Helen and Allan Crookshanks Sanctuary in Rockledge; a nocturnal critter experience at Fox Lake Sanctuary in Titusville; a wildflower hike at the Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary in Titusville; a hike in the scrub at Malabar Scrub Sanctuary; nocturnal nature hike at the Enchanted Forest in Titusville; two birding hikes at the Maritime Hammocks Sanctuary in South Beaches; and there will be a presentation by EEL's staff focusing on why conservation lands matter at Sam's House of Pine Island. He expressed his thanks to Ms. Harris for allowing EEL's to participate; and he stated he is looking forward to another great year.

Malinda Donnelly, Board Member of Brevard Nature Alliance; stated she is with University of Central Florida that is partnered with the Brevard Zoo, to make oyster mats for both oyster restoration living shoreline restoration in the Indian River Lagoon; oyster mats will be made at the Family Day at Fox Lake Park and at the Indian River Festival; and it is a great way to get the community engaged in participating in the restoration.

Mary Bowman, Member of Drifters Group, stated she is a beachcomber; the Drifters Group sponsors the Seedlings Symposium every October in Cocoa Beach; they found a way to take a hobby and turn it into science, community service, tourism, and art; they clean the beach while looking for sea beans; sea beans are seeds that have fallen from tropical trees that usually get into the Atlantic Gyre and wash up on the beaches; and she provided the Board with a lucky sea bean called a hamburger bean or Mucuna.

Barb Swinehart, Space Coast Geocaching Store Owner, stated her store is located on Merritt Island; she explained geocaching is a hobby where one goes looking for hidden containers all over the world; there are hidden contains in all of the locations mentioned by Mr. Knight; a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) is used that corresponds with the surveying; there are benchmarks and letter boxes to look for, to help find the hidden containers; and once found the coordinates are logged at www.geocaching.com. She explained geocaching is to get people outside to enjoy nature and to go on hikes, to find the hidden containers; she stated the containers can never be buried; when a container is found it is opened up and a log sheet is signed; there are trinkets inside the container that can be traded out; and the container goes back to where it was found for others enjoyment.

Ms. Harris stated on April 6th at Fox Lake Park there will be a photography workshop, casting demonstrations, and a presentation from Rodney Smith about his book 'Enjoying Life on the Indian River Lagoon Coast'; and there is contact information available on the website. She expressed her thanks to the Board for allowing her to be able to bring the many Programs that are happening in Brevard County to the Board and being able to form partnerships with many organizations.

The Board acknowledged presentation by Neta Harris, Executive Director of Brevard Nature Alliance, which outlined the planned activities of Expedition Brevard, as well as activity partnerships with the Titusville Chamber of Commerce Indian River Festival and the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program.

ITEM I.D., PRESENTATION, RE: CROSSWINDS YOUTH SERVICES

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Misty Campbell, Director of Development at Crosswinds Youth Services, expressed her thanks to Board for being able to come before the Board to tell about the 16th Annual Great Brevard Duck Race being held on April 13th at Sand Point Park; she stated the ducks this year are special ducks because they glow-in-the-dark; and the ducks can be adopted for \$5 each. She advised this is a major fundraiser for the Crosswinds Youth Services to help the youth and families in the community that are in crisis, going through serious situations, or challenges; there are 11 top prizes this year; the Grand Prize is a four-night cruise to the Bahamas for two on the Disney Dream; she provided the Board with the website www.greatbrevardduckrace.com to adopt a duck; and invited the Board to attend the race at 1:00 p.m.

Karen Locke, Chief Operating Officer at Crosswinds Youth Services, stated next month the Crosswinds will be celebrating its 40th year of service to Brevard County; it continues to serve over 3,000 young people and families throughout the year; and she expressed her thanks to the Board for allowing them to speak about the Annual Great Duck Race today.

The Board acknowledged presentation by Crosswinds Youth Services and the programs Crosswinds provides to youth and families in Brevard County; and acknowledged the 16th Annual Great Brevard Duck Race on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Indian River Festival which will be held at Sand Point Park in Titusville.

ITEM I.E., RESOLUTION, RE: PROCLAIMING APRIL 2014 AS AVIATION MONTH

Commissioner Fisher read aloud, and the Board adopted Resolution No. 14-038, proclaiming April 2014 as Aviation Appreciation Month in conjunction with the State Proclamation issued by Governor Rick Scott.

Michael Powell, Chief Executive Officer of Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority (TICO), expressed his thanks to the Board for honoring Aviation Appreciation Month; and he expressed his appreciation to the Board for its support of aviation and the aviation professionals throughout Brevard County . He assured the Board that the Airport Authority will continue to work hard to create an economic engine that could change lives in Brevard County.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
SECONDER:	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM I.F., RESOLUTION, RE: PROCLAIMING MAY 2014 AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN BREVARD COUNTY

The Board adopted, Resolution No. 14-039, proclaiming May 2014 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Brevard County.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

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ITEM II.A.1., PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM VMC PARTNERS, LLC, RE: MILLENIUM MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT LOCATED ON SPYGLASS HILL ROAD (13SP-00110)

The Board accepted the Public Utility Easement from VMC Partners, LLC, associated with the planned Millennium Medical Center Project (13SP-00110).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES: Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.B.1., AGREEMENT WITH FIVE POINT SOLUTIONS, LLC, RE: BREVARD COUNTY ADULT AND JUVENILE DRUG COURT PROGRAMS

The Board executed an Agreement with FivePoint Solutions LLC for Brevard County Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Programs; and authorized Chairman or designee to execute future renewals of the Agreement and subsequent modifications and amendments contingent upon approval of the County Attorney and Risk Management.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES: Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.B.2., AGREEMENT WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE FUNDS

The Board executed Agreement with Housing Authority of the City of Titusville (HACTV), for the amount of \$320,000, in CDBG Disaster Recovery Initiative Funds, and authorized the County Manager or designee to execute subsequent modifications and amendments to the Agreement upon review and approval by the County Attorney and Risk Management.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES: Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.B.3., APPROVAL, RE: FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FISCAL YEAR 2014 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

The Board executed the Fiscal Year 2014 Certifications and Assurances for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants; and authorized James Liesenfelt, Transit Services Director, to execute the Certification and Assurances Electronically.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES: Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.C.2., ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, RE: RECEIPT OF ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TITUSVILLE-COCOA AIRPORT AUTHORITY FOR FY 2012-2013

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority for FY 2012-2013.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES: Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.D.1., AUTHORIZE COUNTY STAFF AND FINANCING TEAM, RE: UNDERTAKE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO IDENTIFY A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION WILLING TO PROVIDE A LOAN TO REFUND THE OUTSTANDING LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005 FOR DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS

The Board authorized County staff and the County's financing team to undertake a request for proposals to identify a financial institution that is willing to provide a loan to refund outstanding Local Option Fuel Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, for debt service savings; and following completion of the Request for Proposals (RFP), the results along with a bond resolution is to be brought back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES: Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.D.2., APPOINTMENTS, RE: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board appointed **Charlie Burton** as alternate to the Employee Benefits Insurance Advisory Committee, with term expiring December 31, 2014.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER: Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
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ITEM II.D.3., APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS, RE: CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS

The Board appointed **John Woltering** to the Marine Advisory Council, with term expiring December 31, 2014.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Nelson stated he would like to pull Item II.C.3., Acknowledgement, Re: Receipt of Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Housing Authority of Brevard County for the FY Ended March 31, 2013.

Chairman Bolin Lewis advised she has a speaker card and will be pulling Item II.C.4., Request for Reduction of Fine and Release of Code Enforcement Lien, Re: Pedro Crescente and Nancy Crescente.

Commissioner Infantini stated she would like to pull Item II.D.4., Approval, Re: Billfolder.

ITEM II.C.3., ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, RE: RECEIPT OF ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BREVARD COUNTY FOR THE BY ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

Commissioner Nelson stated he thinks this Item should read Acknowledge Receipt instead of accept.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Housing Authority of Brevard County for the FY ended March 31, 2013.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
SECONDER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM II.C.4., REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FINE AND RELEASE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN, RE: PEDRO CRESCENTE AND NANCY CRESCENTE

Pedro Crescente stated a lien was placed on his property at 385 Cownie Avenue, Palm Bay, in 2009; his daughter, her husband, and four children lived at his property at that time; he found out about the lien in January when he was seeking a short sale; since that time his daughters husband left her, she abandoned the house, and the lien kept accruing sums; he went to Code Enforcement and paid \$450 to stop the lien, he brought everything up to date, and sought a fine reduction at that time; and today he is present to seek a further reduction. He advised he is not getting a dime out of the short sale; and he is appealing the Board to consider granting him a further reduction of fine and release of lien.

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Motion by Commissioner Infantini, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to reduce the fine from \$35,000 to \$3,018.

Commissioner Anderson inquired if Mr. Crescente is wanting to go lower than \$3,018. Mr. Crescente responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Anderson inquired if the \$3,018 is based on cost incurred by the County. Robin Sobrino, Planning and Development Department Director, responded the actual costs were \$1,518; she stated the Special Magistrate also reduced the \$35,000 fine down to \$1,500; and totaling \$3,018.

Commissioner Infantini inquired what the out-of-pocket cost is. Ms. Sobrino reiterated \$1,518.

Commissioner Infantini advised she is amending her motion to reduce the fine to \$1,518.

Commissioner Nelson withdrew his second.

Motion by Commissioner Infantini to reduce the fine to \$1,518 died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Nelson stated he thinks the adjustment was fair; this could have been a landlord doing the same thing, but it happened to be his daughter; the Special Magistrate heard all the conditions; he is okay with the Special Magistrate's outcome; and he will not be voting in support of the motion.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if Mr. Crescente is selling the property. Mr. Crescente responded affirmatively. Commissioner Fisher inquired if it is under contract. Mr. Crescente replied the closing is at the end of the month; he reiterated he is not receiving an proceeds from the sale; and stated the fine is coming out of his pocket. Commissioner Fisher inquired if Mr. Crescente is doing this for his daughter; and is the property in compliance. Mr. Crescente responded affirmatively.

The Board reduced the accrued fine for the violation at 385 Cownie Avenue SE in Palm Bay, Case 09CE-02712, from \$35,270 to \$1,518; and directed staff to prepare and execute a release and satisfaction of lien upon receipt of payment.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Trudie Infantini, Commissioner District 3
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Robin Fisher, Trudie Infantini, Mary Bolin Lewis, Andy Anderson
NAYS:	Chuck Nelson

ITEM II.D.4., APPROVAL, RE: BILLFOLDER

Commissioner Infantini stated this Item refers to a trip that's being planned by the Tourist Development Commission; she is still waiting on receipts from the last approved trip; and she inquired when she can expect to have copies of those receipts.

Stockton Whitten, Deputy County Manager, responded he will double-check the expense report today.

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The Board approved the Billfolder, as submitted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
SECONDER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
AYES:	Robin Fisher, Chuck Nelson, Mary Bolin Lewis, Andy Anderson
NAYS:	Trudie Infantini

ITEM III.A. RESOLUTION, RE: VARIANCE REQUEST FOR DW MLB D OWNER, LLC, DOUBLETREE SUITES BY HILTON

Chairman Bolin Lewis called for a public hearing to consider a resolution variance request for DW MLB D Owner, LLC, Doubletree Suites by Hilton.

Mel Scott, Assistant County Manager, advised the Board that written correspondence from the applicants representative was received; and this Item has been withdrawn by the applicant.

There being no objections, the Board withdrew consideration of a request for a resolution for a variance by DW MLB D Owner, LLC, Doubletree Suites by Hilton from the Agenda.

ITEM III.B., ORDINANCE, RE: REVISIONG SECTION 62-2891 AND SECTION 22-48 OF THE BREVARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AS THEY RELATE TO LOT DRAINAGE AND FLOOR ELEVATION REQUIREMENTS

Chairman Bolin Lewis called for a public hearing to consider an ordinance for revising Section 62-2891 and Section 22-48 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances as they relate to lot drainage and floor elevation requirements.

Mel Scott, Assistant County Manager, advised tabling the Item to a time certain on May 13; there are some particulars that have come up in the ordinance and it needs to run through the advisory process one last time; and when this ordinance is enacted it will effect all residential development that occurs in Brevard County.

There being no objections, the Board continued the public hearing for an ordinance revising Section 62-2891 and Section 22-48 of the Brevard County Code of Ordinances as they relate to lot drainage and floor elevation requirements to the May 13, 2014, Board of County Commissioners meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM V.B.1., BOARD APPROVAL, RE: COUNTRY ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME CLOSURE

Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director, advised the Board his presentation will be shared with Jim Carlson, Brevard Family Partnership. He stated the Item the Board has before it is the closure of Country Acres Children's Home; as the Agenda Item states, the home itself has been operating for more than 40 years, serving the children of Brevard County; for the first

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30 years or so, they received referrals from the Department of Children and Families; the State, and then moved to privatization of the foster care system; they looked at lead agencies for each county, or to cover each county; and in Brevard County that process also required a local system of care to be developed. He went on to say in Brevard County, the system of care that was developed was really focused on prevention services, trying to put more services into the home, and as a result, there is a reduction in the number of children who are in an out-of-home placement; and that model has been successful. He pointed out there are less children, and Mr. Carlson has done some actual numbers on it, but there are about 40 children and it has been about steady at 40 children over the past four or five years available in out-of-home placements; there are five group homes, including Country Acres in the County that have served these children; when looking at the model itself, it has changed; they also looked at the type of child that is being referred to Country Acres; and they are seeing it is a lot of harder to serve children. He noted as an example, they got a referral yesterday for a 14-year old male; he was from out of the County; he came with being bi-polar with psychotic overtones, he has ADHD, a history of Baker Acts, and has ran away; those are the type of children being referred; and the facility and staff are not prepared to handle that level of child, and the liability that goes along with it.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if Mr. Golden is suggesting that these children should be placed into a group home, with other family members, instead of Country Acres. Mr. Golden replied what he is suggesting is that Country Acres is not the best placement for them; the actual decision on placement is the responsibility of the State of Florida and Brevard Family Partnership; it is their responsibility to find the most appropriate placement for them; and he reiterated he does not feel that Country Acres is the most appropriate placement for children with those levels of needs. Commissioner Infantini inquired what the alternative location would be; if it was not a facility like Country Acres, should they be placed in a home that offers foster care; and she stated she is trying to see what the choices are. Mr. Golden advised he would give that question to Mr. Carlson because he has a better idea of the different levels of placements that are available.

Jim Carlson, Brevard Family Partnership, advised the Board that Brevard Family Partnership, which contracts with the State, to provide foster care and related services in Brevard County, has maintained, as a contract with Devereux of Florida, to manage foster homes throughout the County; they currently have 120 foster homes with various levels of care throughout the County, as well as having contracts with five separate congregate care facilities, which Country Acres is one of them; as Mr. Golden described, in 2004, before the advent of community based care, there were 142 children from Brevard County in congregate care facilities; and over the past four years, that number has been 40 or under and split among the five different congregate care facilities in the County.

Mr. Golden stated the issues really have to do with the fact that the facility and staff are not prepared to deal with the children that are being referred there; they have received out of county referrals that have children with the same type of situations; the children they are seeing now who are coming to congregated care are children with multiple issues; years ago, when he was manager at Country Acres, he saw children that the primary issue was they had been removed from their home, for whatever the abusive situation was, and they may have some adjustment issues; and now, most of the referrals are for children who have multiple issues. He went on to add they may have not only dependency issues, but they also may have substance abuse issues, mental health issues, and contact with the Juvenile Justice System; they have other issues going on that really raise the liability and risk for the County and for Country Acres; and he again reiterated he is not sure that Country Acres is the best placement for these children.

Chris Pauley stated she is going to read her statement. "I have actually been volunteering at Country Acres every Tuesday evening since July 2010. My role and those that volunteer with me has been to come in and love these children right where they're at. I take time to listen and

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play, and encourage and pray for them as if they were my own, and I, as well as the others with me, take time to spend with them. We grieve together with them over their losses, and rejoice in their victories. These previous, hurt children are considered family by many of our North Brevard Community. When I speak of my role as a volunteer, I do not speak for myself alone, so many have come alongside of me, from my own church, and from other churches, and even from my place of employment. The support from my own church family has always been open and generous and willing to serve or give however is needed. We feel like we do so little in the face of how much we want to give as individuals as a church, of this I am convinced in North Brevard we love our orphans, and if I may share one small story, actually two. Last year my birthday fell on a Tuesday, and much to the surprise of many people in my life, I chose to spend it with Country Acres and my kids, not because I had to, but because I wanted to, and what a blessing they were to me. They all stuck around after dinner and, for teenagers, that's kind of a miracle, and when I came in they were singing for me and dancing with me, and celebrated with me for the evening. And it was just like I was a part of their family, and at Christmas we got together and made cards for the nursing home and took them small stuffed animals; and they were really nervous walking into the rooms of strangers at first, but one resident after another just glowed at the attention of these young people, and by the end, they were eagerly visiting room after room. They have such tender hearts and they enjoyed giving such joy to these other people. They are quite remarkable and deserve the best that we can provide for them. There's definitely been a change in atmosphere these past months as we've come in on Tuesday evenings, a more focused attention has been provided for each child based on who they are, and their individual needs. You can already see the response in their attitudes towards life. Please do not punish these children by removing them from their home because of poor choices of a few individual adults. How many times must they start over? The teens in our facility hardly have time for this, so soon they will be put out on their own. Allow them to do this with solid roots from their community, the State can provide finances for them, but they also need people that know them and love them. To be a safety net of community members that give them the confidence they need to chase their dreams. This type of trust takes time to develop, and time has already been invested. Our North Brevard communities invest so much more if we could just give them the opportunity. A good management team with the primary interest of the children can make Country Acres a true haven, a resting home. I urge you to consider all of the possibilities, including contracting out to, possibly a private company to promote a home of hope and healing for other children that come to Country Acres. Each child is an individual with unique hurts and losses, yet they all need the same thing, they need stability. Each one child is worth it. I would want this for my own child no matter the cost and I'm sure you would want that for yours. Thank you."

Cammie Good stated she was a previous employee of Country Acres, and she believes that a group home setting is a necessary evil for some of the more difficult children that are hard to place into foster homes; she loved working there with those children; it breaks a person's heart to know their stories, and all a person wants to do is give them the best resources that can be provided; and there are other programs available once they age out of Country Acres. She noted shutting Country Acres would be a disservice to the children and the families in this community; the right management and staff, and resources for these children are necessary; and she would encourage the Board to try to find a way to keep it open through privatization if nothing else. She pointed out there are plenty of people who are willing to give their time and care to help these children find their way; and she asked the Board to consider privatizing it and not completely shutting it down because there is a definite need.

Donna McCarthy stated she did not work at Country Acres, but she donated hours for many years, and she visited the children and went to the open house; these children are human beings; she inquired if there are resources that people can do as a community to bring on special teachers or special aids to help them with the special issues; and she stated there is so little heard about orphanages and helping out the children. She noted she thinks people have

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lost the priority; so much time is spent on dogs and cats; and resources need to be found to help the special needs and to keep a home and a place for the children that can function there.

Sara Ann Conkling stated she is losing it this morning because she was with the children Sunday afternoon when they heard they may be losing their home; the children were very upset and they asked that their statements be read; and she is not going to use her own voice this morning since she has already corresponded with the Board at length about the issues that have been brought up. She went on to say she believes there are management issues at Country Acres that need to be addressed; but the County does have a responsibility to the children and turning its back on them is absolutely morally and ethically wrong. She read a statement from Christian. "Hi, my name is Christian and I live at Country Acres Group Home in Titusville, Florida. Just Friday, I was told about how you guys were going to talk about how you were going to decide if you should shut down Country Acres and that broke my heart. Also, I know I may have been a pest at times and been reckless, but I still love Country Acres. I've made new friends, also made the air rifle team at school. Also, I'm going to try out for the Titusville High School basketball team next year, if you consider to not close Country Acres. Sincerely, Christian." Ms. Conkling stated the next statement is from Dylan; she has spent a lot of time with Dylan because he carries the cross on Sunday mornings at St. Gabriel's; and he has his challenges but is very endearing. "To whom it may concern: I am writing this letter because I wanted you to know that Country Acres has done a great job of taking care of me and my trouble. Of course, I can be annoying at times, but they still care about me and all the other kids at Country Acres. They are like family to me and I love them. I have been at Country Acres since July of 2013, and I have bonded with this place. I enjoy all of the activities they have. I have made a lot of friends since I have been at Country Acres. I have also met some people that I already knew that worked at the school I used to go to. I also got to go to an old school that I went to when I was eight years old and that was in 2010. I hope that you read this letter and understand why I care about Country Acres and I hope you make a choice to not close it down. I love all of the staff here and I never want to leave them. They all care about us and we care about them. Sincerely, Dylan. P. S. I'm fourteen."

Paul Cummins stated he was a Buddhist Monk, and he is affiliated with Brevard Zen Center, Coogian Temple in Cocoa; one of the best thing of being Buddhist is that he does not believe in karma, he believes that what a person does comes back to he or she; and not necessarily in the next life, sometimes next week. He went on to say the most vulnerable in society are these children; their families cannot longer protect and provide for them; the County must take that one; and it has been done in the past. He added he has a home in Merritt Island; he paid his tax bill in November and it was \$2,500; he asked why it is so high; and he wishes now it would have been a few dollars higher. He advised the Board he wants the children taken care of; everyone is going to be judged in the future by how he or she treats the most vulnerable; and he wants whoever is doing the judging to judge everyone fairly by what goes on here today.

Summer Terry stated she is a resident of Country Acres; her sister used to live there; by shutting down Country Acres, it will impact all of them; her sister and nephew are the only family she has; she has been at Country Acres two years; and if it is shut down, she will not be able to see her sister and nephew. She went on to say by living at Country Acres she is near her family and friends; she loves Country Acres; the staff do not just come to work for a paycheck, they are caring and supportive, and have become their family; she would have never set the goal to finish school and go to college if it was not for Country Acres; and everyone in the household is family to her. She asked the Board to think of the children; she stated she knows there are not many there, but each and every child counts; and Country Acres is what they call home.

Kathleen Young stated she is a former employee of Country Acres and she is present today on behalf of the children; and she has a statement to read to the Board from one of the children who was at Country Acres a few years ago. "This is the only way I can say what needs to be

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heard. I am a citizen of Titusville, even though we are in Georgia right now; we do still have a home in Titusville. Many years ago this true story, changed are some of the names of the people that are still alive and that built their lives by leaving this behind. I do not want to make them go back there, I myself would not want to either, but the children of Country Acres deserve to be heard. I was one of them. You do not have the time for all of my stories, but I will start right here where I met Country Acres, and yes, I mean met an eleven year-old. They were my saviors for my time, there were many that helped, but it had to start somewhere and Country Acres was a starting point for the rest of my life. A little scenario, Mom, why are the police at Alda's house tonight? Alda was at school today and she was gone, her locker is open and empty. Sweetie, they took her. What do you mean they took her? I'm not sure. Both Mom and Dad work for the County. They knew information, but not all of us knew. I just knew that they took her. Will I see her again? Her mom scares me. Where is she? Did they take her also? Mom, I don't know if you will see Alda again anytime soon. I know there were family trying to get her out of the house, but were not successful because of laws. As for her Mom, she works at Jess Parrish, she doesn't even know yet. I want you to play inside for the next few days, your dad and I would feel better. Your sister will be here too. But Mom, do you know anything? If you know anything you'll tell me, right? Mom I wish we would be able to do something. This has been going on for quite some time. Dad comes in and says, you know we all have tried. We've had Alda over for dinner a lot and we've done as much as we could. She wasn't even allowed to stay the night here, and you know it has been talked about that there was sexual abuse, along with everything else. Dad says he hears the same thing, but when anyone would call, they would need to have proof. No proof, nothing happens. Later that evening, Dad, Linda get the girls and go into the family room. Why do we need to go in there? The mom is wondering around the cul-de-sac, and heading up our driveway in her robe. She is screaming and crying. Rich called a minute ago and she was just looking for Alda, she is way out of control. He could not tell me if she was drunk again, or just lost it. Just take the girls away into the family room. My mother ended up wandering our neighborhood house to house for hours looking to see that I was safe, but then they were not told, or anyone else was told, including my dad where I was. I was just safe. I was at Country Acres. I would be writing you pages and pages to tell you all of this, but just letting you know how many times the police had been out would surely be enough. By that time the police did not come the way they do now, there were not domestic calls, they came to a lot of them, and as it escalated there would be more than just one set of police officers this time, there were four cars in our driveway and they still have to leave me for the night till they can find me another place. But the next they had, again I mention, it was Country Acres. Because my mother knew that Country Acres existed they could not keep me there long. I was there for a week. Back then it was to the detention center and not for younger kids as you surely know. I was transferred to foster care in Cocoa, Mr. Purvis, which was my social worker at the time was one of the most awesome people. All of a sudden, I had a lot of people helping me. I mattered, people listened, I was a mess. The foster home they put me in, they were really great people. Coach Gosland at Country Acres asked to even take me in, my father and step mother fought the State to get custody. In fact, I did not know until my late twenties was that the State did actually take custody. Back then a child could not simply be removed from their home and placed with a family member, even their own father. If Country Acres had not been there to take me in, I don't know where I would have been. I probably would have never been removed from my home. In fact, I chose not to address in my mind or to you is that I would either be dead, a hooker, drug addict, or in jail. This is a teeny example of my life. It should be enough to say that I know what the end results would be if it had not been for Country Acres. To every center as far away as Melbourne is crazy. People can travel less of a distance to pick up a dog at a shelter. My husband and I both work in rescue, but I take exception to the fact that Titusville is not choosing more and better facilities for dogs and cats than for children that we have. I will end it with this. There will never be an end to this kind of thing happening and I ask that when you pave your roads to have street dances, put up Christmas lights, get the prison crew to clean up the trash to beautify Titusville. How are you going to justify all of that if the crime rate goes up, the disease rate goes up,

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because of the street walkers, addicts, and mentally ill homeless, and the children do not have a place."

Chairman Bolin Lewis advised Ms. Young she needed to wrap up her comments.

Ms. Young stated if it is mismanagement, then the County should step in; if it is simply a budget issue, let the people see good things happening; she is aware of the basic business association; it would be a problem if the only hospital in Titusville moved to Melbourne; and it is dangerous as having the only child oriented into a facility moved that far away.

Patricia Manselle stated she has a short letter to read to the Board from the Fieldston Preparatory School in Titusville. "To Whom it may concern: I would like to first start out by saying thank you to Country Acres Group Home for all of your wonderful years of dedication and support for us here at Fieldston Preparatory School. We are so thankful for Country Acres and how they provide a loving, nurturing, and positive environment for those students who are in unfortunate circumstances and are in need of extra support. Country Acres goes far and beyond day in and day out in helping every child in their care. While at the same time, working closely with us here at Fieldston Preparatory School in meeting the needs of each and every one of their children. The working relationship between Fieldston Preparatory and Country Acres has been an extraordinary experience and we look forward to many more wonderful years of working together. We are so honored and privileged to have such an amazing program like Country Acres in our community. We at Fieldston Preparatory would like to, again, thank you for making yourselves always available to our school and hope that you will continue to support us here at our program for many years to come." Ms. Manselle advised the Board the letter was signed by Jared Ostrander, Director of Fieldston Preparatory Team, and it was dated March 17, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Infantini to keep Country Acres open and seek new management. She stated she understands they have low referrals from Department of Children and Families; it has been a management issue for quite some time; she does not want to move the children from the only home some of them have known; and that is why she made the motion to keep it in place.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Howard Tipton, County Manager, stated Country Acres served a great purpose for a number of years; all of the children that have gone through their programs, staff, a lot of good was done; and the good work is not being discounted. He went on to say Mr. Carlson is sharing with the Board the model has changed; the world has changed, and it has changed for group homes; it is changing in a good way; and what is being found is there are families in Brevard County that are able to take these children in. He pointed out the referrals have been flat for the last four years; the proposal before the Board is not to withdraw or abandon but to reinvest in different areas; and that is what needs to be talked most about.

Chairman Bolin Lewis inquired how many children are at Country Acres at this time. Mr. Tipton replied three.

Commissioner Fisher stated he has been a big supporter of Country Acres over the past few years; the business model must change if it is going to be successful; and things happened to make it necessary to speed up the process. He went on to say he wants to make sure it goes through the school year, and not to do anything prior to May or June so the children's lives are not disrupted anymore; in that time, there may be opportunities to partner with someone else; he has no desire to have a closed facility sitting in the heart of a neighborhood; staff can

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continue to talk to other organizations and Brevard Family Partnership to see if there are opportunities to partner or do something with the facility at some point in time; and then to regroup to see where to go from there.

Commissioner Anderson stated he agreed with Commissioner Fisher; he is involved with a lot of youth organizations; he stated early on that the County should not be in this business; the reason he said that is that County Government is not capable of handling the needs of children who enter these types of environments; and he wants the children to be kept in the Titusville area.

Mr. Carlson stated they would meet with each individual child, as well as their care manager; talk with them about what their desires would be; and then work to find an appropriate placement for them, trying to keep them as close as where they are living now as possible.

Commissioner Anderson stated he wants to make sure the children's lives are not disrupted; their friends and where they go to school is a concern to him; as far as the facility is concerned, he does not mind going out and looking at alternatives; maybe Requests for Proposals (RFP) can be put out to see whether a childcare organization, veterans organization, or whoever has the best proposal for the facility; and then it can be brought back to the Board. He noted the County can maintain it until the school year ends; he believes the County should get out of this situation and do what is best for the children; and the Board needs to let Brevard Family Partnership do what it does best.

Commissioner Infantini stated Mr. Tipton suggested that the \$400,000 could be better utilized; and she inquired how he would invest the \$400,000 in the children.

Mr. Tipton replied there are a number of services that can be provided for the youth, mental health services, Parks and Recreation services, and after school mentoring; and he reiterated there are a number of programs that the County could invest in for these children.

Commissioner Infantini inquired specifically what budget line item would be allocated to provide for the children; she stated the budget times are challenging, so when she hears a lack of specifics, she is concerned; a lot could be done with the money; there are many different funding pools; and she reiterated her concern of how the money is reallocated. She pointed out Commissioner Fisher is thinking along the same lines as she is but he will not second her motion; Commissioner Anderson is willing to shut down the facility after the school year ends; but she does not think the need goes away at that point. She went on to say she thinks that if she were having a group home and foster situation, there would be a lot of challenges; approximately \$6.5 million is being used to upgrade a mall; and she would like to keep the facility open. She added she does not think this is the place to cut corners; and she wants to spend the money it on the children.

Commissioner Nelson stated he has wanted to get to the point where Country Acres is not a County program; the facility would be there, but it would be spun off to the community to use the State revenues; it is the State's responsibility; there are four other agencies in the County doing it; the Board should celebrate the success of the State finally getting its act together; and if Country Acres stayed as a private facility, he would be supportive of that. He went on to say the County has done what it could do; he has said for three years that it is time to spin it off either to the private sector or let the State continue to step up; Commissioner Infantini minimalizes everything the Board does as a County Government down to a single purpose, because next week that purpose will be different; the Board has a lot of responsibilities from firefighters to law enforcement; it cannot be boiled down to one program; and it is purely political on Commissioner Infantini's part.

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Commissioner Infantini inquired if Commissioner Nelson was kidding, if that is political to worry about the children.

Commissioner Fisher stated he has tried to stay away from the dollar value; he is not sure a dollar value can be put on this as far as saving children's lives; and Country Acres is a huge facility for only three children.

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to go back to look at opportunities to partner with other organizations, and keep the facility open until June.

Chairman Bolin Lewis inquired if Commissioner Fisher means until the end of the school year.

Commissioner Fisher responded yes, the end of the school year; the County will have a chance to talk more with Brevard Family Partnership; it could possibly go out for an RFP to see if the facility can be used in another way; and it is a hard decision for the Board to even talk about possibly closing the facility. He went on to say he hopes there is a partnership that might come up in the next 90 to 120 days; it might be Devereaux; and at a dollar standpoint, some of the dollars need to keep adding, providing in the budget for opportunities to make a difference in the children's lives.

Chairman Bolin Lewis asked for a clarification on the motion.

Commissioner Fisher stated the motion is that the Board commits to keep the facility open at least until the end of the school years, and if opportunities come about, or presents itself, the Board might take a look at that.

Chairman Bolin Lewis inquired if it may be kept open a little longer if something else comes up; and will it not be closed, just postponed.

Commissioner Fisher stated he is making the commitment now to the school year, June 1; and in between now and June 1, the County will look for other opportunities that may allow Country Acres to remain open beyond this, under another type of model than it is currently.

Commissioner Infantini seconded the motion.

Commissioner Anderson stated he knows where Commissioner Fisher's heart is; but he does not want to leave anyone hanging. He went on to say he would feel better if the motion said the County will terminate its involvement as a Child Care provider June 1st; and then to go out for RFP for the facility or services at the time.

Chairman Bolin Lewis stated she agrees that it should be definite that it ends at the end of the school year and then the facility could be re-purposed; it could be for veterans, homeless, or other things; she does not think it is fair to linger on with the idea the Board might keep it open for children's services; and the private sector, the faith-based, need to be the ones who handle that from here on out.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if that means if the opportunity is presented between now and that it allows the County to partner with another agency; and it would not look at that.

Commissioner Anderson stated it depends on what partner means; and the direct involvement is a liability to the children and the taxpayers of the County.

Chairman Bolin Lewis advised the Board in her mind someone will take it 100 percent.

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Commissioner Infantini inquired if the Board wants to close it with the drop dead date of June 1st.

Chairman Bolin Lewis responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Infantini stated there is a rumor floating around that the facility has already been offered to a veterans group; a known group will hop in there and re-purpose it; and she has seen the RFP.

Commissioner Fisher stated it has not been offered up by anybody; staff's preference would be to stay away from what will be done with the facility; and there has been no group that has been involved or offered that he is aware of.

Commissioner Infantini stated that is on the record, but off the record it has been offered.

Commissioner Nelson stated he believes what Commissioner Fisher is saying is if there was a spinoff of Country Acres, a private organization, and that would be the RFP process; he would not have a problem with that either; the County is going to be stepping back from it; and then maybe another community or organization can take it over.

Commissioner Fisher stated that was what he was trying to say.

Commissioner Infantini stated there is a motion and a second that has to be voted on.

Chairman Bolin Lewis advised the Board is trying to clarify the motion.

Commissioner Fisher stated the motion is that we do not shut down Country Acres between here and the end of the school year, which is May 30th or June 1st; at that point in time, the Board will look at other opportunities in the marketplace for possible partnerships with Country Acres and the private sector; and then staff will go out with an RFP.

Commissioner Anderson inquired if the intent of the motion is that the County is not going to be directly involved in child care.

Commissioner Fisher stated he does not think the County will be taking the lead; and it may partner with someone else that takes the lead.

Commissioner Anderson stated he is fine with that, but he does not want to have County employees there as of June 1st; and he wants to be out of the business.

Chairman Bolin Lewis stated the motion by Commissioner Fisher is not a definite date because there is a possibility of a partnership.

Commissioner Fisher stated what he is saying is the County is going to manage and operate that facility until June 1st; after the first of June, any management or any involvement the County has is through some type of partnership with the private sector.

Commissioner Infantini inquired what if one does not present itself; does the facility remain open or does the County just shut the doors; and there is no clarity on the motion.

Commissioner Fisher stated if an opportunity does not arise, then the County will proceed with shutting down.

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Commissioner Infantini stated that was not what the original motion was; and she is not doing the drop dead shut down.

Commissioner Anderson stated he is voting no because he wants a date for the children as it is the fairest thing to do.

Commissioner Bolin Lewis called for a vote on the motion. Commissioners Infantini and Anderson voted nay.

Stockton Whitten, Deputy County Manager, stated it is unclear to staff what to do with the existing staff because in the Agenda Packet, it talks to reducing staff for a closure date; and staff also talked to the Board about the fiscal impact of maintaining or closing out staff.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if there are only three children, a reduction can be made in staff. He went on to say he hopes Mr. Whitten will make the necessary things needed to maintain the children's lives to June 1st; and he inquired if staff would be reduced or to keep the same level of staff until then. He stated if it is opened until June 1st, there needs to be staff regardless.

Chairman Bolin Lewis stated that the variable is it could be opened after that, which requires the County to maintain everyone.

Mr. Golden stated even with closing the facility, there will need to be an additional General Fund transfer to support the closing; keeping it open beyond that would require an even greater General Fund transfer to support the facility; the revenue would not be enough required to meet the entire budget; and it would be \$1.2 million to support the facility.

Commissioner Nelson stated his thought on moving forward was that between now and June 1st if the community was able to come up with a plan that they could present to the Board to continue the service with the County backing out with the private sector heading in; June 1st the County can start with the shutdown process; and June 1st the County is out and another organization comes in.

Commissioner Anderson stated another motion will have to be made.

Mr. Whitten stated he is not sure he understands what the Board means when it says the community creating a plan or coming up with an alternative.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if the County could form a partnership with Devereux. Mr. Whitten replied Devereux is a child placing agency, so Devereux has the contract with Brevard Family Partnership to determine where the children are placed; he is not sure that they are going to provide group home services; and he thinks they just simply serve as a placing agency. He asked Mr. Carlson to correct him if he is wrong.

Mr. Carlson stated his understanding of Devereux is they have a campus site here in Viera, which is a locked facility, but they also serve youth who are developmentally delayed in a family style grouping homes in Brevard County; there are a couple in Palm Bay; and it is a possibility to invite them and other private entities to look at the site and propose models for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Whitten stated he was on the Board of Crosswinds for 15 years and he has a good perspective on that; and staff briefs the Board on the ability of the services and programs associated with group homes.

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Commissioner Nelson stated the one absolute is that the Board would be out of the service; the only difference between what is proposed and what he is saying is that the community has the chance to try to come up with the resources to move forward; and if they cannot, the outcome for the County is going to be the same either way.

Commissioner Fisher stated his motion was to commit the Board to June 1st; and he did not want to take off any possible partnerships or anything like that.

Commissioner Nelson stated the partnership was the facility.

Scott Knox, County Attorney, stated the Board needs a motion to reconsider the old motion.

The Board reconsidered the previous motion.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Robin Fisher, Chuck Nelson, Mary Bolin Lewis, Andy Anderson
NAYS:	Trudie Infantini

Mr. Whitten stated the talk about whether the facility remains open if there will be additional children; he needs clarification; and there is staffing and children there so those points need clarification.

Chairman Bolin Lewis stated there will not be any more children at this time since it will only be open until the end of the school year.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if there is a child emergency in the Titusville area, the Board is going to say no, to find another place.

Commissioner Anderson responded no, there are thousands of organizations that they represent.

Commissioner Infantini stated it is a bad choice; and children have been rescued and taken there.

Commissioner Anderson stated he is sure Brevard Family Partnership would be able to handle anything, that is why they make contact.

Commissioner Nelson stated it has never been the County's responsibility to find the children; it has been the responsibility of Brevard Family Partnership.

Commissioner Infantini stated it is a moral obligation; she is not talking about responsibility; she is talking about serving those who do not have a vote but a voice; and they just do not vote at the ballot box.

Commissioner Anderson stated the County does not do the intake, that is what he is trying to explain; and Brevard Family Partnership can pick a facility that they deem fit.

Commissioner Nelson stated the Board cannot just take children off of the street.

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Commissioner Fisher stated he does not think the County is equipped to take the children any longer based on the staffing level at the current facility; the Board's obligation is to the kids who already live in the facility and to take care of them to the best of staff's ability between now and June 1st; and his position is not to take any more kids.

Mr. Whitten stated if there are no more children being taken, the staffing is an administrative matter, and it can be staffed appropriately for the number of children currently.

Mr. Tipton stated to keep the facility open until June 1st, to not take any more children, to adjust staffing level appropriately, work with Brevard Family Partnership to survey the community to see if there is a private or non-profit solution out there, but the County working to get out of the business in terms of child placement after June 1st; and to work towards the County's closure of the facility by July 1st.

Commissioner Anderson stated that is correct; and if a solution cannot come about through Brevard Family Partnership to find youth care, the Board will entertain RFP's for any re-purposing of that facility.

Mr. Tipton stated staff can start the process now and bring it back to the Board in late May so there will be a decision going forward, or at least an update.

Commissioner Infantini stated she finds it ironic and sad the two departments that give the Board the greatest frustration in management, children and animals are the two it is turning over to someone else to management, and that is disappointing.

The Board authorized the closure of the Country Acres Children's Home, to be effective June 1, 2014; approved not taking any more children in the Program; authorized the adjustment of current staffing needs; directed staff to work with Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) and survey existing Brevard County providers of group home care to evaluate their interest in taking over the operating of Country Acres; approved starting the Request for Proposals (RFP) process if no solution is found by staff working with the BFP to find a re-purposing provider of the facility for after the June 1st closure; approved no County participation by July 1, 2014; and directed staff to provide the Board with an update in May.

Commissioner Infantini's absence was noted at 10:45 a.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Robin Fisher, Chuck Nelson, Mary Bolin Lewis, Andy Anderson
NAYS:	Trudie Infantini

ITEM V.E.1., APPROVAL, RE: APPROVAL, RE: TRANSFER OF ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM TO THE BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Venetta Valdengo, Assistant County Manager, stated the proposal today is to transfer Animal Services Program, including enforcement and shelter operations to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office effective October 1; this is not a new trend, it is something that has been emerging nationwide; and there are several counties where the Sheriff has done a fantastic job with Animal Services. She added staff has been speaking with Sheriff Wayne Ivy about taking over enforcement; she stated the Sheriff was to establish a cruelty investigation unit and it seemed

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like the perfect time and fit; and for consistency combining shelters to have total program operations.

Rich Charbonneau stated for the past six months he has listened to some of the Board of County Commissioners meetings; Scott Ellis, Clerk of Court and Commissioner Fisher were involved; he listened to Commissioner Fisher's idea about making it private; and he could not have come up with a better solution than he.

Pamela LaSalle stated she is present for animals welfare only and she has no prepared remarks; she thinks the animals will not be any better off with a contract coming in and someone else managing the shelters; it is frustrating to her to have watched the incompetence that has gone on; and having the Sheriff's proposal come in out-of-the-blue has people thrown off. She added, she does not know much about Sheriff Ivey other than what he has done after he came into office; she stated he has excelled at being an administrator and is inspirational; and her only financial donation is to Paws and Strips. She advised that she has no idea what the structure is going to be like, as far as resolving issues, and addressing problems; she believes she is the only one who has been advocating keeping Animal Services under County control; and she is being optimistic and looks forward to working with Sheriff Ivey.

Patrick Fox, Executive Director of Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), stated he is in favor of this; he initially was a little concerned because he feels as a community, the County should be involved with the animal welfare issues; it is a step in the right direction; the trends lately have been good and he would like to see that continue; he would like to see Sheriff Ivey implement a County-funded spay/neuter fund, as part of the solution; and without it the community cat problems will never be solved.

Commissioner Infantini's presence is noted at 10:56 a.m.

Pat Pasley stated she is in favor of this; she has the utmost confidence in Sheriff Ivey in getting a good job done; she is willing to give him a chance and let him see what he can do with this; in the meetings where he has had the inmates come in and work out there, they have done a great job; and she sees this as a good fit for the AMIkids Space Coast and is a positive move.

Theresa Clifton, Executive Director of Central Brevard Humane Society; stated she is present today because she is supporting the effort for the BCSO to take over; she gave the Paws and Strips Program its name when former Sheriff Parker was in office, and Sheriff Ivey has expanded on it; the Humane Society was willing to step up and take on the County shelters, if necessary because they do have resources and ability to do so; but after crunching numbers and talking with Ms. Valdengo, it is a huge financial endeavor for anyone to undertake. She advised she has reviewed Sheriff Ivey's resources, manpower, and finances and it is significant; and anything the Humane Society can do to help support that effort is more than happy to help him with. She went on to say the last three weeks of laying out a proposal to present to the Board from the Request for Information (RFI) brought-to-light a number of obstacles that a single non-profit would encounter; the finances are quite a toll, that would take an entire community to make it happen; and she believes that the BCSO would have many organizations helping to assist Sheriff Ivey with resources. She added, she has looked into other counties that are utilizing their sheriff's departments and for the most part, they are success; it is important to understand the network of the finances for how to be able to secure it; and the BCSO would give more security and stability, and the Central Brevard Humane Society will offer any of their resources to help the Sheriff make this a success for the animals in the community. She expressed her thanks to the Board for its time, listening, and making the right decision for the animals in the community.

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Katherine McCoy, The Daphne Foundation, Inc., People Underwriting the Rescue and Rehab of Strays (PURRS) Representative, stated her concern of the BCSO taking over the Animal Services Program is service; they are well versed that preventing crime is better than cleaning up the aftermath; and she would like to make sure prevention is a priority. She stated fewer animals would make things better; she agreed with Mr. Fox's suggestion of having a County-funded spay/neuter fund; it has been mentioned that animal groups will be meeting with BCSO; and she wants to ensure that PURRS is amongst those groups. She advised PURRS spayed/neutered over 1,000 animals last year on a budget of less than \$60,000; PURRS had just finished coordinating World Spay Day, which was in February with 11 different agencies and private veterinarians, including the Animal Services and Enforcement Department; the goal was 500 animals spayed and neutered from the poorest communities for free; and they exceeded that goal by almost 50 percent, or 740 animals. She went on to say they would like to be considered when the BCSO comes on Board, because they have ideas for improvement; they have a pool of potential dog walkers from Patrick Air Force Base; they have a concept of animal amnesty to offer free spay and neuter to anyone who brings puppies and kittens into the Shelter; and that stops recidivism right there, which is a big concept in criminal justice. She noted she hopes they can be partners at the table with the new commanders of this particular exercise; and Sheriff Ivey has quite a record.

Crystal Ayala, Paws for Veterans, stated they try to help veterans with post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury; their main goal is to stop veteran suicide, and to help strengthen communities and families; and to help incorporate them back into society. She went on to say their second mission is to rescue dogs; they rescue dogs from Brevard County Shelters; they put in for the RFI and thought it was a great opportunity; she is for the BCSO taking over Animal Services; and they have many resources. She advised they will be willing to contribute resources; they get about 30 applications every month from veterans all around the Country; and those dogs have outlets outside of Brevard County rather than just being adoptable pets just here. She pointed out they offer a free dog training class for every adoptable dog to help keep the dogs in homes rather than ending up back in the Shelter. She reiterated they would like to work with the Sheriff's Department, which would place more dogs into homes. She stated if a person wants to breed a dog, he or she should have to apply for a license. She advised the Board if all of the offices would work together, the Sheriff's Office will have a good success in this program.

Melinda Bushor stated she is in favor of the Sheriff's Office doing this service; when she first started they were killing about 19,000 animals a year, now it is about 5,000; and something is being done right. She went on to say she has watched previous Board meetings watching people say how bad it is; it is getting better; the County has good staff members; and she is concerned with what is going to happen to them. She pointed out that 300 animals were adopted at the Mega Adoption Event; all the rescue groups spay and neuter prior to adoption; and that is the only way to bring down the numbers. She stated if a particular staff member is not making sure that is happening, the Board needs to give them a plan that tells them what to do per day in order to meet that quota; and if they do not do it, they should not have a job.

Nancy Allen stated she is speaking as a volunteer; she is glad all of the organizations that are coming together with a common goal; and things have changed and all for the better. She advised the Board she is all for a County funded spay/neuter fund; it is the only way to achieve no kill; and all of the other local communities have the spay/neuter program. She stated she is friends with a person who every month takes the Shelter statistics; the live release rate for this past January was 72.5 percent; and the Board can see how close it is getting to 90 percent no kill. She stated this is the next step in marching towards no kill; and she is 100 percent for the Sheriff's Department taking over.

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Commissioner Fisher stated Sheriff Ivey is competitive; by doing this it gives the Sheriff a more professional image; he has better support and resources; the employees will stay in FRS with the benefits; and there will be cost savings. He went on to say the Sheriff has a better volunteer base; and he promised Sheriff Ivey he would not have to do it forever if it does not work. He pointed out the Sheriff does not like killing animals. He expressed his appreciation to Sheriff Ivey for being a team player knowing there was a serious issue with the community being very divided; and from one elected official to another, stepping up and trying to handle a very difficult situation, and he appreciates it.

Sheriff Ivey expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to be at the meeting and to partner with this. He went on to say they are humbled by the positive comments made by the speakers, and for the Board's confidence in them to do this; this is not only a big issue to the community, but it is a big issue to him; he is a pet lover; he realizes the magnitude of what needs to be accomplished; and he thinks his team is in the position to do that. He went on to say there is an opportunity to create something that everyone will be proud of.

The Board approved the transfer of Animal Services Program, to include associated personnel and funding, to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO); and authorized the Chairman to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the two agencies.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM III.C., ORDINANCE, RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTION FOR EMBRAER EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT, INC.

Chairman Bolin Lewis called for a public hearing to consider an ordinance for Economic Development Tax Exemption for Embraer Executive Aircraft, Inc. and approval of a Grant Agreement.

Lynda Weatherman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast, stated she would like to make some general comments about what is taking place today and the reflection on economic development; there are about 5,000 organized economic development efforts in this country alone, going after companies that are looking to relocate that amount in less than 200 per year; they want these jobs in these communities and organizations; and they want these jobs bad. She went on to say it is a mean, aggressive business; those communities that rise to the top know how to play the game; those communities that want those jobs bad and are serious about it and understand the job creation and mitigation of job loss is fundamental and significant to the economic, cultural, and social future of a community; they understand, too, that there are two choices; they can be smart enough, work with partners, and try to control the best they can for their economic future; and they can be dirty, poor, and vulnerable, like Detroit. She stated somewhere along the line, Detroit lost all sorts of jobs and the next thing they knew they woke up one day and that is where they were. She stated she wants to control that in this community. She inquired what makes Brevard County so exceptional; she stated they are talking about 2,300 jobs today, almost \$600 million in capital investment; and nothing is taking place in this country like that. She pointed out it is a team effort; everybody is doing the heavy lifting; it is an EDC that is aggressive, smart, can close deals, knows how to respond to their fees, knows how to find leads, it is a Governor who is committing himself to do job creation, it is the local airports that

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understand they have to be pro business and pro community, and it is the cities; she understands it is a tough choice; and it is also the Board of County Commissioners. She stated she has stood before the Board for many years, and every time it has taken the tough choice, because it understands the easiest thing to do is to say no. She stated Theodore Roosevelt talks about daring greatly and basically he said, it is not the critic that counts; when her staff comes to her and they have something to do, she asks them if they are part of the problem or part of the solution; anyone can criticize; but if great and bold things are to be done, great and bold decisions need to be made; and that is why they are here today. She advised the Board nothing has happened like this; the County has proven to the country that not only can this community mitigate the job loss, but it can go beyond that and be more healthy; the community is very supportive of economic development; there are business owners, employers, small and large, and they are their neighbors; and what is done today, will affect their lives as well as everyone else's. She introduced Gary Spulak, President of Embraer North America, and he is going to talk about the project.

Mr. Spulak stated on behalf of Embraer's leadership, the 18,000 global employees of Embraer, and the more than 400 strong employees, including contract employees here in the local community, they thank the Board for this consideration and opportunity today. He stated when he was in Brevard County quite a few years ago, he talked about the Phenom Project, it was a dream of Embraer's, and it was a dream to the extent that they had never really made aircraft except for a small exception outside of the County of Brazil; the reason why they visited that with the Phenom Project was because of their customers, which is their main focus; bringing a very important industrial process that is closer to their customers to the United States, which is the largest market; being the customer focused company they are, they took all the extremes and means to try to find a solution where they could do that in Embraer's largest market for executive jets, which is here; and they did a very large search, 20 states, which was narrowed down to three states and six sites. He went on to say three of those sites were in the State of Florida; they undertook a very laborious process to determine how to make that solution work; it was really a question if the project works only if with Embraer's investment and industrial presence and opportunity with the partnership of a local community together, completing the piece of the puzzle would the project work; and it was really an either/or. He noted in this case when the search was finished and they decided on this community, they found very quickly that all of the attributes and positives they found in Brevard County were fulfilled and even exceeded in terms of their expectations, including the skilled labor source, which was the number one concern. He stated they had a commitment of 200 jobs by 2016; they exceeded that number significantly by the end of last year; the original investment requirement for the project was \$42 million; and now they are in excess of \$52 million. He advised they had a conservative approach to what their participation would be in terms of their part of the partnership, and they love to under promise and over perform; and that is certainly what they did. He went on to add they had a great experience; they have met a lot of very important people, including the staff members working in their facilities, both at the customer center and the industrial center; and they have become immersed in the community to the largest extreme, certainly equal to anything they have ever done in the United States for many of their operations. He pointed out they feel that partnership has been solidified; with this success, and in particular with the way the customers recognize this success, so the goal and the mission of having this be closer to their customers really as fulfilled; with a new aircraft they are developing right now called the Legacy 500, and it will very soon be delivered to customers; where the Phenom Project was already developed and down the road and being delivered from Brazil, this project is a brand new airplane, about twice the size of the Phenom 300, which is the larger member of the Phenom family; it is a very sophisticated aircraft that is fly by wire technology; it is an eight to ten passenger aircraft; and it is a mid-size aircraft, and a very significant and new in that part of the market. He stated for all the reasons why they think they are successful with Phenom, they believe they will be successful with Legacy; the process was objective; it was an independent evaluation in terms of the locations, because they have learned a lot since Phenom; and the

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project is completely portable so it is not dependent on one single factor that is available today as it stands on its own. He stated they are 600 jobs; their investment will be at least \$27 million; and the average salary per job is going to be significant up to \$55,000 average salary.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if the \$27 million they will be investing in addition how much Embraer will be receiving from the State, or including. Mr. Spulak responded affirmatively. He stated they are very conservative on their estimates.

Greg Weiner, CEcD, Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast Senior Director of Business Development, stated this has been a fairly long process expanding out over a year, closer to two years since the item was first discussed; it was a highly competitive process; and it is a project that is standing alone and can go anywhere. He went on to say the challenge, as always, is to work with the company and find a way to address the needs of a specific project, and in this particular case there were some needs that they had to address locally that the State was not in a position to do; what the Board is considering today are those unmet needs from the County level, which include a million dollar grant, a 10-year Ad Valorem Tax Exemption (AVT), and a completion grant for an additional 10 years that replicates the County portion of the taxes that they are paying; and that in a nutshell where they are. He advised the Board they are excited to be here today.

Shannon Kelly stated he is a Palm Bay resident and the Hotel Manager for the Hilton Rialto Place; he is present to state their support for the local business leaders and partners with Embraer and Project Magellan; the hospitality industry has always been a barometer for the economic climate of the country, or specific region; when the business climate is good, people travel more; and they plan more meetings and send people to places like Melbourne, Florida, and Brevard County, to visit companies like the ones that surround his hotel. He went on to say the last year has been hard for the local businesses and a tough time for the hotel; they are excited to have some great news; he has never gone to a meeting where they talked about a potential of 2,100 jobs and over one-half a billion dollars of infrastructure and capital investment; and it is an amazing thing to be part of it. He advised the Board it seems like a common sense investment; he heard Commissioner Infantini state she is against many things that spend the monies of the County when it can be invested in something that is truly good for the community; as a member of the business community, he is very passionate about what good this investment would do to the community and his business; and he is excited to be part of Brevard County and to be celebrating this opportunity.

Frank Kaiser stated the Board is well aware of the track record with Embraer so far; now they are coming to the Board with this opportunity; the first project the Board invested in was obviously the tip of the iceberg; and Embraer has opened many doors in the aviation/aerospace sector that is helping the community grow in terms of jobs and economic vitality of Brevard County. He advised the headline in the Space Coast section of the *Florida TODAY* said the local unemployment rate is up to seven percent, the State average is 6.1 percent, and interesting to note that in those one year changes, the professional business services are down 1,000 jobs, manufacturing is down 700 jobs, and some people would cheer that government is down 400 jobs; these are professional jobs, business services, and manufacturing; this is critical to Brevard County's future; and he is the representative of the Melbourne Regional Chambers to the EDC Executive Board, and speaking on their behalf in support of this project. He went on to state he knows the Board takes it as seriously as they do that this project must be supported; and he commended the Board on its previous support of economic development and Embraer Air.

Vicki Northrup, President of the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, stated she is speaking on behalf of the City of Palm Bay, the County's biggest city; it is growing, thriving, and doing very well; she expressed her appreciation to the Board for its support over the years; and

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she wanted to thank the Board on how it handled the closure of Palm Bay Road, because that could have been a disaster. She stated her hats off to John Denninghoff, Public Works Director, for coming to the City Council meeting and explaining every detail of what is about to happen; County Manager Howard Tipton came to her Chamber luncheon and explained in detail what was going to happen; and she reiterated how much she appreciates the County being open about this and getting the communication out there. She stated both of the projects are important to City of Palm Bay for a lot of reasons; the jobs, housing, shopping, construction, dining, fuel purchases, guests and families coming into town staying at the local hotels, and the school taxes all boosts tourism; many of the Chamber Members will be benefiting from the increase in the jobs; and it will help the entire economy in Palm Bay. She noted the 1,600 jobs with Project Magellan, with the 549 spinoff jobs, she cannot imagine another county getting a project like this; this is just amazing; the tax abatements they would have been given no matter where they went; and the offer on the table should go to these companies that are bringing the jobs to the County. She pointed out there is no amount of advertising that could be done to get out into the community that will equal this, because just the success this will bring will get out to other companies that are possibly going to look at this; the City of Palm Bay definitely supports this; and she expressed her appreciation to the Board for its support and encourages it to embrace this with open arms.

Jack Ryals, Media Past Chairman for the Board for the Melbourne Regional Chamber, stated he came to town in 1972 as the new owner of Turner's Department Store in Downtown Melbourne on New Haven Avenue; it was a family business that was established in 1946, and for the first couple of decades of his time here, his entire focus was the four walls of the store; and he worried about how to make sure through training and hiring good employees that each person who came in the door had a good experience so they would come back again. He stated if he got aggressive and got a little extra money, he might advertise outside of his customer base so he could steal some of the customers from his competition; he gave little thought and would not have known how to increase that customer base so that all the small businesses in the area can have more customers without digging into each other. He stated back then if he would have read some of the publicity regarding the economic incentives, he might have gotten the impression that what is being done is taking assets currently had investing them in hopes of a return in the future; a much better analogy would be to reflect upon the fact he always kept 10 percent coupons in his pocket; and if he was a Rotary Club meeting or a child's soccer game, and someone asked what he did for a living or how business was, he would pull one out and welcome them to come see what they had at the store. He went on to say the economic incentives are much like that; it will spur new construction; it will continue throughout the restaurants and everything else that has been referenced; but beyond that, talking about new people coming to the area, it brings more sales tax, gas tax, more property tax, and more importantly, talking about people who attend churches, donate to local charitable institutions, and coach the Little League teams. He pointed out a very short time ago, the Board was discussing Project Jaguar; there was a lot of publicity and discussion; and had people known then what is known now there would have been less debate. He noted Embraer is a wonderful member of their Chamber of Commerce; they are generous not only with their resources but with their participation and dedication; and he expressed his appreciation to them for that. He encouraged the Board on both of the projects to not only endorse them but to roll out the red carpets.

Robert Jordan, President and CEO, Genesis VII, stated his customers consist of Walt Disney World, NASA, Lockheed Martin, IEP World Services, the Military, Greater Orlando Airport Authority, and many others; in the spirit of full disclosure, he represents Commissioner Fisher on the Economic Development Council; but he did not ask him to come today or represent anything that he does not believe in. He went on to say he is doing this because he believes it is in the best interest of Brevard County; he does not have a contract with either company, even though it would not hurt if they asked him. He advised Brevard County is still in an economic

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slump; there are two companies that are trying to utilize the tools available to help them afford the next step in their business plans to keep themselves vital; looking at the net gain, it is win/win; these companies are not taking anything away from the County's budget, they are helping to fill the coffers cash, but not at the level the economy would normally receive; and when thinking of it, no business plan, no decision for new operations, which results in no new revenue, no new jobs, no need for this conversation, therefore, zero additional revenue in the County coffer. He inquired as a small business owner why would he support this move; stated it is an investment in the future of all Brevard County; it is mutually beneficial; and there will be economic impact from job creation, the net new revenue to the County, all positive results of a long term vision from Embraer. He noted there are consequences, however, of not approving the request, the possibility of 2,400 jobs not created, no new revenue from these two businesses, less money for essential public services, such as public safety, schools, and roads; \$138 million GDP will not be realized; citizens will lose out on another opportunity to start new businesses, purchases from existing businesses, and bettering their lives overall; and he suggested the Board grab hold of the vision of these two companies. He stated the EDC should be commended on the excellent job under the leadership of Lynda Weather that they are doing and providing this County hope and economic stability. He asked the Board to vote yes on this request.

Geoffrey Smith, Smith and Associates, stated he encouraged the Board to embrace the proposal before it to bring more jobs to the community; Brevard County has a diverse economy; the Board has made good decisions along the way in terms of economic development; and if the Board wants more of what Embraer has done for the community, and is committed to continue to do for the community, to give them the incentives.

Mayor Dave Netterstrom, City of Cocoa Beach, stated the citizens do not want to give up services and do not want to pay a whole lot of taxes; the only way he knows how to do this is to set up a favorable environment that encourages new businesses, jobs, new buildings, and reinvestment; and as elected officials, rather than using 80 percent of their time trying to save pennies and 20 percent of their time promoting the Space Coast, it is far better to spend 10 percent of the time making sure the pennies are spent wisely and 80 percent cheer leading and promoting the Space Coast where the opportunities are unlimited. He stated it is a time to come together as a unified body that encourages new jobs, businesses, and investments that will ultimately keep the taxes low and offer a full set of services for the benefit of all.

George Geletko, Past Chairman of the Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce, stated he wants to share an experience with the Board that he has had in Florida for the last 45 years; going back to the Apollo program, he had a good friend who had an auto store behind the Searstown Mall in Titusville; once that program shut down, he was out of business in six month, packed up and left; he can remember homes were selling for 50 cents on the dollar; and he does not think Titusville has ever recovered from that experience. He stated with that experience and where the County has gone in the past years with the diversified industry, the question he has is does the Board want to go back to the Apollo years or to continue to move forward in doing the great job that Lynda Weatherman and her group has done over the years in diversifying the industry. He expressed his appreciation to Embraer Air for bringing this to Brevard County; and he urged the Board to support this program.

Commissioner Anderson stated this is a good day; in 2008 he remembers having a discussion with Lynda Weatherman and Bill Cunningham in his office where it got heated how economic development works and being a young Commissioner; he thought he knew it all; and he did not know anything. He went on to say they were patient and educated him, and now he understands how it works. He stated in 2009 they did round tables and came to all the Commissioners; they were enthusiastic and optimistic; he was a kid in Southeast Ohio when the

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steel industry went out; he worried that the Space Coast was doomed; but the EDC turned it around.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to adopt an ordinance granting economic development ad valorem tax exemption for Embraer Executive Aircraft, Inc.

Commissioner Fisher stated the Embraer issue was a 3:2 vote several years ago; the scary part is the Board would not be having this discussion today if it was not for that happening; sometimes he looks and wonders if it makes sense; and it comes down to the deal and if the deal makes sense. He stated there was no one speaking against these deals; there is a movement to get rid of EDC and these types of projects; and he hopes the business leaders will continue to come out and support these efforts.

Commissioner Nelson expressed his appreciation to the industry; stated when he attended Space Day they went to the Office of Economy Opportunity; one of the messages there was they need the business industry to step up with its support of what is being done; and it was interesting to hear them say that. He went on to say this supports small business; if there are not large employers, there will not be small businesses; and there needs to be the growth and larger businesses.

Commissioner Infantini expressed her appreciation for Mr. Spulak meeting with her; she stated she appreciates all Embraer has brought to Brevard County; but back in 2006, 2007, the asking price was roughly \$1.8 million up front and they would pay all of their taxes moving forward, rather than getting tax abatements. She went on to say the stakes have increased a little; back in the day the Board used to waive impact fees to entice business; but now impact fees are waived for every business to make it more affordable to do business in Brevard County. She stated now the County offers tax abatements, and now instead of 10 years it is being offered for 20 years. She inquired where is the cutoff; stated now the Board is being asked to put money up front; the reason she likes waiving impact fees is because it is something she can do for every single business out there; and she sees this different than others.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if this deal happens as planned, what kind of net revenue is new to the County. Mr. Weiner responded direct wage impact is \$33 million, net new revenue to the County would be approximately \$532,000, which would be largely collected in school taxes and certain district fees that are not abatement, and there is net revenue.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if it is a good idea and it does not cost the Board aside from the \$1 million, why is it not offered to everyone; and how does the Board pick and choose.

Mr. Weiner advised the Board one of the questions that need to be asked is if it is getting value for its investment; the return on investments will require the investment to be whatever is being abated in taxes is simply off the charts; an annual basis contribution to GDP is \$138 million; and he reiterated it is huge. He noted regarding the question when is enough enough, is an important one; things change over time; economic development seems to get more competitive on a weekly basis; and the EDC is not doing anything more than competitive stays. He stated at the end of the day it is credit to Embraer and the relationship with the County that their definition of when is enough enough was when enough was enough to justify the operating impact to be able to move this from Brazil to Brevard County; if they were fighting for the last dollar, they did not get the last dollar, and Embraer knows that.

Commissioner Fisher stated the return on investment is huge compared to one million in the tax abatement; and enough is enough when the County quits getting those investment returns.

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Ms. Weatherman stated the reason some companies are eligible statutorily for economic development incentives and some are not. She stated those companies whose market is outside the area are the ones.

Mr. Weiner stated statutorily certain companies are eligible for certain types of incentives; there have to be at least 10 jobs created; and certain other things need to be done. He stated Brevard County and the State operates the same as every State does; it is a matter of eligibility and finances; and that is why it is called an incentive.

Commissioner Nelson stated when he was elected in 2006; the biggest criticism was what the Board was doing to bring jobs to replace the 9,000 lost at the Space Center. He stated the only alternative to doing what the County is doing is to do nothing, and that is what it would end up with. He expressed his appreciation to the EDC representatives.

Commissioner Bolin Lewis stated the County was back with the old folks with the history of economic development; it was a case presented by the EDC; it was a leap of faith because it would help Brevard County; and it is wonderful that they have proven Embraer has over achieved.

Commissioner Infantini stated she understands trying to think out of the box, but she has never seen where giving away tax payer dollars is thinking out of the box.

Commissioner Fisher stated the people in the audience are taxpayers; by being here today, they are saying it is okay; and they know it will be returned.

There being no further objections heard, Chairman Bolin Lewis called for a vote on the motion. The Board adopted Ordinance No. 14-11, an Ordinance granting an economic development Ad Valorem tax exemption to Embraer Executive Aircraft, Inc.; specifying the items exempted; providing the expiration date of the exemption; finding that the business meets the requirements of Chapter 196.012(16(a) Florida Statute; providing for proof of eligibility for exemption; providing an effective date; and approved Grant Agreement provisions authorized by the Board.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
AYES:	Robin Fisher, Chuck Nelson, Mary Bolin Lewis, Andy Anderson
NAYS:	Trudie Infantini

ITEM V.E.2., RESOLUTION, RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUCEMENT GRANT AWARD FOR PROJECT MAGELLAN

Commissioner Infantini stated there is \$71,000 being asked; in Phase I the County's contribution is estimated to be \$71,000; County development Impact Fees are estimated at \$30,000; and the City of Melbourne Impact Fees are estimated at \$41,000. She inquired if the County will be paying both the County portion and the City of Melbourne's portion.

Greg Weiner, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast, responded affirmatively. He stated Project Magellan has been a particularly long and tedious negotiation; one of the things dealt with was the issue with respect to impact fees both at the County level and City of Melbourne level; he asked the City of Melbourne for an itemization of those fees based on assumptions provided by the client; they managed to negotiate a reduction in those fees; and

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the client was willing to pay a small portion. He went on to state that was considered by the site selection team and the company to be a closed issue with that point; subsequent to that, he needed to do a final check on some items and contacted the City of Melbourne; and they neglected to mention this particular item, which is a public building impact fee. He advised when he asked them to calculate it, there was a \$134,000 unfunded situation; he spoke to the County about it, and as part of the County's support on a one-time basis it was understood it was an extraordinary circumstance; and that is where part of the County's money is going.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if the City is not providing any funding. Mr. Weiner replied as the deal stands now the City of Melbourne has made a very substantial contribution that actually is larger than the current County contribution; there are transportation impact fees being waived; there was a reduction in the overall fees; and the size of the project is over 700,000 square feet, and 1,800 people.

Commissioner Anderson inquired if this one of the largest economic development deals in the United States. Mr. Weiner responded it may be true looking out five-plus years; the only deal he knows of that was larger was the Boeing deal in South Carolina; the total job count between these two is something like a third of the direct job losses associated with the Shuttle wind down; and who would have thought this.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 14-040, granting award of up to \$205,000 as an economic development inducement for Project Magellan.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM IV.A., COST SHARE FOR JUVENILE DETENTION - LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS, RE: CREDITS FOR COUNTY'S PAST OVERPAYMENT

The Board recessed at 12:30 and reconvened at 12:39.

Shannon Wilson, Deputy County Attorney, stated this is a continuation of an old issue; just to give the Board a little bit of a background, by Statute the County is required to share in the cost of paying for the juvenile detention facilities; several years ago the County engaged in an administrative challenge dealing with the County's share in 2008-2009 fiscal year; and the County prevailed in that litigation. She went on to say there was other litigation challenging how the State was determining that cost share; as a result of both of those pieces of litigation, the County prevailed, and the court determined the State was incorrect in how it was calculating the cost share; as a result of that, the County share went from approximately 75 percent of the cost of running the detention centers to closer to 30-35 percent; in December of last year she came before the Board to discuss the possibility of filing suit against the State, because at the point in time the court made its decision, the State indicated that it had no funds to credit the counties for their overpayment of the juvenile detention centers; and at that time she indicated they were going to hold off filing because the Florida Association of Counties was going to be negotiating with the Legislature this year to see what could be worked out in terms of providing the counties refunding of the credit towards their overpayment. She advised the Board typically the way it has worked in the past when a county has overpaid part of their costs of running the juvenile detention center, the State paid it as a credit towards future payments; however, they are pretty significant numbers in terms of what those credits would be; at this stage with the Legislative

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Session ongoing, the summary the County has been provided by the Florida Association of Counties (FAC), there is currently no money in the Governor's budget to fund the overpayment the counties have made over the past five years; in addition, the Governor's budget would have the counties paying more than is currently required by the Statute as held by the court cases; and the Governor's budget would require the counties pay closer to 50 percent of the cost of running the detention center, and the State would pay 43 percent. She pointed out in the Senate's proposal, there again is no money to refund the counties their credits, but their proposed cost share would be 50/50; in the House at this point in time, there is no Bill pending, but they have contacted the Florida Association of Counties to pitch a proposal that they are willing to do the heavy lifting for them; it would involve setting aside a certain amount of money to refund the counties their overpayment; they have indicated they would put \$139 million aside to refund those credits; and their proposal is going forward, the share would be 50/50 for the cost of the operations. She stated the kicker on their proposal is their proposed pay back for those credits does not fully repay all of the counties for the full amount of credits, and their proposed pay back is a lengthy pay back period, somewhere between 17 and 23 years, which means of the \$5.5 million the County is owed, it would get \$4.5 million over 17 to 23 years and that payment would involve payment of \$200,000 a year. She stated the Legislature has the authority to decide who funds and operates detention centers; one time this was a program fully-funded by the counties; the State took it over a couple of years ago; but in the mid-2004 a new Statute was enacted and it became part of the counties cost share; it went from counties to the State, and now it is back to the State and the counties sharing that cost; and the question is how much money will the County get back as a credit. She stated the Governor's not proposing any money to refund the credit, the Senate is not proposing any money to refund the credit, the House is willing to try and take the lead on this to get monies to refund the credit; and this is what their proposed plan is. She advised the Florida Association of Counties is asking for the Board's input of what a fair resolution is for of this issue.

Commissioner Nelson stated the FAC is trying to get five years 50/50. Ms. Wilson stated five or 10 years; and the FAC's sense is 50/50 is a good fix going forward. Commissioner Nelson stated he would like to see the Board send a statement that it would like to see the five years and 50/50; that would be the target; they may negotiate something to come back to the Board; but that would be what he would prefer.

The Board authorized the County Attorney to send a statement to Florida Association of Counties, on the cost-sharing position for juvenile detention of the Legislative proposals of credits for the County's past overpayment from the Florida House of Representatives, and receiving pay back of overpayment in a five-year period and 50/50 cost-sharing to be the target.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
SECONDER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM V.B.2., BOARD APPROVAL, RE: WEST CANAVERAL GROVES WATERLINE PROJECT

Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director, stated the Item the Board has before it is the West Canaveral Groves Waterline Project, which has been discussed in the past; there has been a potentially new funding source identified; and the Item before the Board identifies that funding source, called Section 108 through HUD, which allows for infrastructure projects as well as economic development and other things. He went on to say staff has verified with HUD that

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the County is eligible for this funding source; he went to the CDBG Advisory Board, they have recommended what the Board sees before it as Option 1, which is going after a Section 108 loan with a 20-year term; Option 2 is going after the same Section 108 loan with a 10-year term; and the final option has to do with cancelling the project. He stated at this time the Housing and Human Services Department is not aware of any other options or resources that are available through CDBG to be able to complete or fund the project at this time.

Ed Mashintonio stated he is a lead quality engineer for Intersil Corporation, he lives in West Canaveral Groves; Commissioners Anderson and Infantini should be quite proud; there are a number of people down there working that have parts running around on Mars, all three Mars Rovers; they have parts that every time a person accesses their cell phone, it tells them where they are at; there are parts on those satellites and many other things that are circling the Earth right now; and even the Cassini Space Craft, is orbiting Saturn giving great data. He stated he is used to auditing and looking at programs and procedures and determining if they are worthwhile, and that government expectations are being met, and it is his job to step in, fix it, put a corrective action in place, and see to it that those obligations are met. He stated this project has been worked on for 10 years; they are the longest on the County's agenda for CDBG; and there is nothing that has been around longer. He stated the end of last year the County spent close to \$1.6 million on projects for all Districts; now there is something that says to cancel the project after they have worked 10 years and done everything the County asked of them; and now staff is putting a poison pen in there for something the County's representatives did not agree to. He pointed out the Board appoints people to represent it on the CDBG Advisory Board; the CDBG is supposed to make recommendations to the Board; instead of listening to the CDBG, staff is interjecting stuff; and there are children bathing in water with arsenic. He inquired if the Board cares. He stated their area borders the County Landfill and the crap ranch; it is where they take septic waste, process it, and dumps it out on the ground. He noted it is discrimination pure and simple.

Len Beckett stated he represents West Canaveral Groves on the CDBG Advisory Board. He stated this Board needs to address the nature of County staff putting words into its Advisory Board's mouths; this Agenda Item abused authority; he made the motion in January for this item to come here; and that motion passed unanimously 5:0, and it never included cancelling the project as an option to be provided to this Board. He went on to say this Agenda Item says that the CDBG directed staff to include those three items, which did not happen; and he would like the Board to start an investigation and to train staff how to properly deal with and understand the authority given to its Advisory Boards and who they represent. He advised the Board the Agenda Item did make a statement that the General Fund would ultimately be a risk with regards to the Section 108 loan; Section 108 is the most liberal funding option provided by the Federal Government that has ever existed; the program has never had a default in its history; and he asked Mr. Golden to explain the EDI grant program. He stated using the General Fund is not a necessity with regard to Section 108; anything can be used as additional collateral, including addressing any additional tax revenue from increased property taxes that occur because of the project having been completed and those property values being increased; and that can be used as that additional collateral, as opposed to using the full faith and credit of the local government. He stated they are not asking the Board to approve a Section 108 loan today, they are asking to direct staff to come up with a loan package that this Board could approve to fund this project. He pointed out the community has had to fight to keep the project alive and everything that comes before the Board, staff has made an attempt to kill the project; staff has lied to the community and told them in front of Commissioner Fisher at a community meeting that this project was no longer eligible for the funding according to HUD; HUD had told staff the opposite; and inquired how many times does his community have to deal with this. He reiterated they are asking the Board to direct staff to come back with a Section 108 loan that does not put the General Fund at risk.

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Mr. Golden stated while this has been a very long standing project, there have been, as has been discussed in the past, a lot of issues surrounding moving forward from where the project started to where it is today; the \$1.6 million that was spent on other projects, those were shovel ready and identified by HUD that had to be moved forward on or to repay HUD; as for West Canaveral Groves being the only area who has had to go through this, there has not been any other project since the Sharpes Community Center that had to be paid for with a pre-award, any other project of this size that required staff look at funding that was beyond the scope of the annual allocations; and that has required staff to look at pre-award funding. He stated as to the one and one-half annual allocation, even at that allocation, which is a rolling number set by HUD, there is not enough in that to move forward with this project in one year. He stated the idea that the CDBG Advisory Board should be the only board that makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners takes staff entirely out of any equation; it is staff's duty to not only bring forward the recommendations from that board, but also to provide it with additional information staff has from the conversations from the federal agencies; the Advisory Board when they made their decision to recommend the 20-year term, he told them at that time that this Board always has the option to cancel the project; it is ultimately its decision; and that is why when staff talked about that third option on the Agenda Item, it was because they do not know of any other funding opportunities to fund this project.

Commissioner Infantini inquired what about Tropical Storm Fay funding that the Board just approved. Mr. Golden stated those are dollars that are outside the regular CDBG allocation; as a result of Tropical Storm Fay, Brevard County was identified to receive an additional \$6.5 million to go towards infrastructure, improvements, and mitigation to address flooding issues; at that time, based on the requirements of that grant, they also identified of the \$6.5 million they wanted 14 percent that had to go towards mitigating, rehab affordable housing; in November 2012, staff brought the infrastructure projects and that discussion to the CDBG Advisory Board; and they made recommendations about the projects that move forward on the infrastructure side. He went on to say staff felt that with the 14 percent targeted to rehab to affordable housing, it was a more appropriate setting to have that go through the regular RFP process that utilizes the Affordable Housing Council and a community board that specializes in that; and that was actually in the application submitted to the State. Commissioner Infantini inquired if that would have been available for the infrastructure for this project. Mr. Golden responded no, it would not; he stated it was targeted dollars for disaster recovery; and this project is not disaster recovery. He added it was targeted to areas that had significant flooding after the Tropical Storm Fay to address those drainage issues. Commissioner Infantini stated the Agenda Report should have said the Advisory Board offered two options, however staff is offering a third option so it is clear; and it can be misleading and she does not want to mislead the residents.

Mr. Golden stated staff has included as part of the Agenda Item they had a discussion with HUD; while Mr. Beckett is correct that it is a program that is backed by the full faith of the HUD program, they would like to see the CDBG allocation used as the last resort; but whatever is done with a Section 108 loan, the County has to come up with security and collateral. He went on to say going on the HUD website and looking at the summary of public infrastructure projects they have done, every one of them have required either a lien on real property, the program income being put up as collateral, or the full faith and credit of the jurisdiction itself; and that is why there has never been an issue with pay back, because it always goes to one of those three.

Commissioner Infantini inquired if it would be possible if they placed a lien on the properties that are all going to be tying in, and is that a consideration for the loan. Mr. Golden replied his understanding is the Item before the Board now is the first step in getting a Section 108 loan; the next step would be staff working with the local jurisdiction under HUD, which is in Jacksonville, to determine what the terms would be and what security they would require; and if the Board moves forward with this, that is the next step. He noted HUD works out the terms and then puts it out to the public or private sector for a bond offering; the private sector funds it;

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and then the jurisdiction uses program income or whatever the case may be to pay back the loan.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if that is staff's fear that future dollars will not pay this debt service. Mr. Golden replied when staff put the language into the Agenda Item, they wanted to be transparent with the Board about possibilities; when looking at a loan term of 20 years, anything could change; the office management and budget at the federal level does not allow HUD to consider CDBG permanent funding; staff has seen in the last decade the CDBG funding reduced 40 percent; and it is basically a risk that the Board takes if it decides to move forward with a 20-year term. Commissioner Fisher inquired from an option standpoint, to cancel a project versus pursuing additional funding opportunities, could they apply for that; and stated there seems like there is always a grant coming from somewhere that might make them eligible. Mr. Golden responded there are long standing projects recommended by HUD, and this was one of them; technically this project is closed in the HUD system; the CDBG Advisory Board was told by staff they would continue to hold this item open locally so the community would not have to submit a new application, so if in the future it occurred where there would be another funding source; and that is the best they could do at this point because they are not aware of anything beyond what has been looked at.

Commissioner Bolin Lewis inquired if the Board closes it, and in six months something new comes along from the Legislative Delegation, can it be reopened or does it have to stay open. Mr. Golden replied in the HUD system it is closed; by keeping it open locally, staff can absolutely do what the Board is talking about where if something comes down the pike next year in the Legislative session or additional use of dollars is identified at the federal level that can be used for this, it would be possible to look at; but it would not be a situation where the community would have to come back and reapply to get staff to look at it. He pointed out this would not be listed in the annual plan brought to the Board probably in July or August, but it would still be there on the list of potentials.

Commissioner Fisher stated certain projects are never on the radar screen, and then all of a sudden a grant pops up that makes something eligible, and it can move up from the bottom to the top of the list because it is the only project that meets that grant criteria; given the opportunity to keep looking for other opportunities and see what comes out of whatever pot that is, is better than just cancelling the project.

The Board authorized staff to leave the West Canaveral Groves Waterline Project application open locally; and to continue to look for funding opportunities for the Project that does not place risk on the General Fund as payer of last resort.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
SECONDER:	Mary Bolin Lewis, Chairman/Commissioner District 4
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

ITEM V.C.1., APPROVAL, RE: PURCHASE OF FOUR REPLACEMENT AMBULANCES

Howard Tipton, County Manager, stated this is a request to purchase four new ambulances; this was part of the original budget discussion from last summer, and the Board approved it in September; and staff is coming back to the Board to execute the purchase of these ambulances.

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The Board approved the purchase of four (4) replacement ambulances from ETR, Inc., and approved vendor selected through a competitive bidding process (Florida Sheriffs Bid No. 11-10-1202 Specifications #1 Type I Ambulance) completed by the Florida Fire Chiefs Association and Florida Association of Counties.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Chuck Nelson, Commissioner District 2
SECONDER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
AYES:	Robin Fisher, Chuck Nelson, Mary Bolin Lewis, Andy Anderson
NAYS:	Trudie Infantini

ITEM VI., PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Pasley stated she attended the January 23rd Ronald Reagan Club meeting; she was there when she heard the comment made about Robin Fisher was a joke; she heard it made; and she is telling the Board today that it was not Scott Ellis who said it. She stated when she saw Commissioner Fisher's note, she immediately contacted the person who did say it; that person immediately sent an email to Commissioner Fisher and copied her; once she received it, she also sent an email to Commissioner Fisher saying that her husband and she were at that meeting and they both attested to the fact that Scott Ellis did not say that remark; and when it got down to *Florida TODAY* contacting the person who said the remark, the individual also sent them something saying he said the remark and it was not Scott Ellis. She went on to say she has copies of those emails she would like to give to the Board; she wants to set the record straight; she is sorry this had to be brought up because she tried to stop it; and she reiterated it was not Scott Ellis.

Commissioner Fisher stated he was not at the event and did not accuse Mr. Ellis of saying that. He went on to say there were five people who told him Mr. Ellis said it after he received Ms. Pasley's email. Ms. Pasley read a portion of Commissioner Fisher's email to Mr. Ellis. Ms. Pasley inquired why Commissioner Fisher kept insisting it was Mr. Ellis. Commissioner Fisher stated he did not insist it was Mr. Ellis; Mr. Ellis said he did not say it; and someone needs to ask those five people why they said Mr. Ellis said it. Ms. Pasley stated she thinks it was to embarrass Commissioner Fisher.

Commissioner Infantini stated the Board should not always try to get the last word when someone is trying to explain and clear someone's name.

ITEM VII.A., HOWARD TIPTON, COUNTY MANAGER

Howard Tipton, County Manager, stated he wants to let the Board know that last Thursday the County participated in the *Florida TODAY* 5K Race at the Melbourne Airport; the County received two awards, for the third fastest company; and what he is most proud of is that there were 60 employees who participated, and the County came in first place in terms of employee participation. He expressed his appreciation to Lois Boisseau, Software Development, IT Department, who was the team captain.

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ITEM VII.C., CHUCK NELSON, DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Nelson provided the Board some information from Space Day in Tallahassee. He stated he will email the Board the link for an interview he did; that will serve as his report on what occurred; it was another good event; there were more Legislators than ever before; and it has come a long way since that first year. He went on to say the best part of the information is the continued support on aerospace and how large a player it is in the State of Florida; and Broward and Dade Counties both exceed Brevard County in that regard.

ITEM VII.D., TRUDIE INFANTINI, DISTRICT 3 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Infantini stated she attended the Meer Cat exhibit on Saturday; it was wonderful exhibit; and the Zoo is doing an excellent job.

ITEM VII.E., ANDY ANDERSON, DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Anderson is reminding everyone once again about Palm Bay Road culvert replacement on the 24th; the signs are already out; and there are updates on Facebook daily.

ITEM VII.G., MARY BOLIN LEWIS, DISTRICT 4 COMMISSIONER

Chairman Bolin Lewis stated it was a wonderful Multiple Sclerosis (MS) walk on Saturday out of the Church of Viera. She was privileged to represent the Board in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Melbourne. She stated now that the Animal Services are under the Sheriff, she does not feel there needs to be an Animal Services Item on the Agenda anymore.

The Board directed staff to remove the Animal Services Items/Public Comments Item from future Agendas since it is now under the purview of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Andy Anderson, Commissioner District 5
SECONDER:	Robin Fisher, Vice Chairman/Commissioner District 1
AYES:	Fisher, Nelson, Infantini, Bolin Lewis, Anderson

Upon consensus of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARY BOLIN LEWIS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK