



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES
Health and Public Safety Committee (HPSC)**

Board of County Commissioners

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Meeting Minutes
Health and Public Safety Committee

Dennis C. Moss (9) Chair; Rebeca Sosa (6) Vice Chair; Commissioners Jose "Pepe"
Diaz (12), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Sally A. Heyman (4), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Thursday, April 12, 2007

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBER

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Mary Smith-York, Commission Reporter,
305-375-1598*

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *The following staff members were present:
Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant, Assistant
County Attorney Valda Clark Christian, and
Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens, Mary Smith-York,
and Jovel Shaw.*

*Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at
2:08 p.m.*

*Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian
requested the following changes to today's
agenda: Agenda Items 1E3, 1E4, and 7A
Supplement be added;
Agenda Item 7B be deferred; and
Agenda Item 2B be listed as a public hearing item.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that
today's agenda be accepted with the requested
changes as presented by the Assistant County
Attorney. This motion was seconded by Chairman
Moss, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a
vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Souto was absent).*

1D **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1D1

070791 Discussion Item

Dennis C. Moss

DISCUSSION ITEM RE: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI IS IN
DISCUSSIONS TO PURCHASE CEDARS MEDICAL
CENTER

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

Chairman Moss stated that during last month's meeting, he requested the discussion regarding the purchase of Cedars Hospital be deferred pending his meeting with the University of Miami (UM) President, Dr. Donna E. Shalala, and her staff, and the members of the Public Health Trust (PHT) Board regarding this issue. He noted this meeting did happen with positive results. Chairman Moss advised that additional meetings would be held going forward in an effort to bring back an agreement to the various parties for signature. He stated his intent was a win-win situation for both entities, as well as the community. Chairman Moss noted that a letter from several previous PHT Chairpersons, expressing their concerns pertaining to the acquisition, had been distributed to Board members. He asked the President of the Public Health Trust, Mr. Marvin O'Quinn, and the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, Dean Pascal Goldschmidt, to come forth and make their presentations regarding the acquisition of Cedars Hospital.

Mr. Marvin O'Quinn, President, Miami-Dade County Public Health Trust, appeared before the Board and asked to be provided a copy of the letter referenced by Commissioner Moss. He noted that the University of Miami (UM) and the Public Health Trust (PHT), had worked together to address this community's health care needs for many years. He indicated he and other PHT members had concerns regarding the University of Miami's decision, but stated he understood the logic behind its decision. Mr. O'Quinn stated his responsibility was to the PHT and the citizens of this community to continue providing this unique entity that served as a public safety net institution in conjunction and working collaboratively with a private university to provide the highest possible level of care to anyone who came through its doors. He noted this structure created challenges with the University due to the high level of indigent care it provided and in terms of

balancing the budget. He stated the PHT had not yet balanced its budget for the upcoming budget year and advised that earlier today, he was informed that no State funding had been appropriated for the LIFT Program, which could result in a \$43 million cut for the PHT. Mr. O'Quinn noted the unique relationship between the two institutions had enabled JMH to excel beyond what other public safety net agencies had been able to do. He stated the UM and JMH was a synergistic and interdependent partnership, dependent upon each other for long-term success. Mr. O'Quinn noted the UM felt that purchasing Cedars would be economically beneficial in the long run. He noted issues regarding what would happen to JMH in terms of continuing its ability to provide a high level of Medicare and commercial agents, which combined represented 35 percent (20% commercial; 15% Medicare) of its patients. Mr. O'Quinn noted some key major strengths of JMH included the Transplant, Intensive Care, and Cardiac programs. He advised that a team of individuals from the PHT had met with a team from UM for approximately two hours on yesterday and had planned another meeting the first week of May to develop plans and strategies for the process. He noted the two entities (JMH and UM) were working hard to ensure the partnership continued, but noted he preferred not to purchase Cedars.

Mr. Pascal Goldschmidt, Dean, University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, appeared before the Committee and expressed his appreciation for the privilege to address this issue today. He noted his transfer to the University of Miami from Duke University was for the purpose of contributing to the improvement of the health of the people of Miami and South Florida. He explained that he was very interested in the 52-year partnership between the University of Miami (UM) and Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH). Mr. Goldschmidt addressed the complex issues involved in 21st Century medicine and attributed the partnership between JMH and UM with providing the citizens of Miami-Dade County with the sophisticated inventions required for the prevention and management of patients' illnesses. Mr. Goldschmidt assured the Commission that he was not interested in any process that would jeopardize the unique relationship between UM and JMH. He emphasized the following benefits of purchasing Cedars Hospital:

- attract and retain champions of medicine to

Miami;

- generate profits to be used in Miami rather than forwarded to the HCA in Nashville; and
- increase opportunities for patients to access doctors.

Mr. Goldschmidt indicated a plan was needed that included Mr. O'Quinn, his team and JMHI to ensure that JMHI came out a winner. He noted this was an opportunity for JMHI to become a medical destination for the best medical care available. He further noted that any negative impact to JMHI would be as much a loss to him as to Mr. O'Quinn. Mr. Goldschmidt commented that on yesterday, he discussed with Mr. O'Quinn the entry into a relationship with a third partner, Florida International University (FIU), with its new medical school. He commented that if that plan were successful, up to 25 percent of the beds from JMHI would host patients of the FIU doctors. Mr. Goldschmidt noted he trusted the relationship with Mr. O'Quinn and his team, and that collectively they would come up with great ideas to ensure that this was a win win situation.

Commissioner Diaz expressed his concern regarding the potential for UM's purchase of Cedars Hospital to create a worse financial situation for the County. Dependent on the level of State and Federal cutbacks, he noted his uncertainty as to how well this would work out.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' comments, Mr. Goldschmidt explained the two institutions involved (UM and JMHI) were not in competition but were partners. He stated his was currently in the process of recruiting a massive number of physicians from across the country with the goal of providing teams for both JMHI and UM. Using the analogy of a basketball team's strategy to win the game by using its best defense without waiting for the other team's offense, Mr. Goldschmidt noted Mr. O'Quinn had done this with the recent acquisitions of the Jackson South and Jackson North facilities. He advised that of the thirty thousand patient visits per year, JMHI took care of ten percent, while the Baptist Healthcare Systems received the rest. He further noted that JMHI and UM would need to become a substantial force in this region in order to prevent the creation of a monopoly. Mr. Goldschmidt asked the Commission to give him a chance and to trust the principle that the best defense was the offense.

Mr. O'Quinn stated this current crisis had

prompted six PHT Board members and six UM Board members to schedule a meeting for May 22, 2007, which included the Chairs of both Boards. Mr. O'Quinn commented that he would assume that one of the Committee's tasks would be to produce and sign off on a written agreement as referenced in the letter from the past PHT Chairs. He stated he did not see how the two institutions (UM and JMH) would be successful if they were not linked, as in the past. He pointed out that JMH owned the residence at which the UM students applied for their residencies; adding that the students wanted to work at JMH and be taught by the UM faculty. Mr. O'Quinn further noted the patients wanted to be cared for at JMH by the UM physicians. In conclusion, he noted if this situation were not worked out to be mutually successful for both institutions, success would be fleeting for both entities.

Chairman Moss emphasized that a written document obligating each institution to the other was needed and that a win-win situation was the goal for both institutions and the people of Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Sosa commended University of Miami President Shelala for selecting Mr. Goldschmidt as Dean of UM Medical School. She also commended Mr. O'Quinn for his leadership efforts with the PHT/JMH. She stated she believed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provided a commitment from both institutions was needed prior to this purchase taking place. Commissioner Sosa emphasized the importance of making sure that UM would not send specialties only to Cedars, and that JMH would continue receiving paying patients the same as current. She asked that Mr. O'Quinn and Dean Goldschmidt sit down together to ensure that benchmarks were established as part of the MOU for measuring purposes.

Commissioner Heyman expressed her high esteem for both UM and JMH/PHT. She questioned the impact to consumers once these great institutions were intermeshed into one.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's comment that the overwhelming majority of care provided at JMH was for charity, Mr. O'Quinn explained this was a common misconception. He advised that 75 percent of patients in a bed at JMH were paying patients at any given time; however, primary care clinics provided 65 percent charity;

the jails were 100 percent charity; and the emergency rooms were 80 percent charity.

Commissioner Heyman noted an additional concern regarding the consequences to the overhead costs if the teaching capacity was moved across the street and JMHI was left without the adequate medical practitioners from UM. She also questioned the potential consequences this would have on the General Obligation Bond (GOB).

Commissioner Gimenez commended Mr. O'Quinn on his leadership efforts and noted that UM was very fortunate to have Mr. Goldschmidt as the Dean of its medical school. He stated his perspective was that the level of care was better at JMHI because of the relationship that existed between UM and JMHI. Commissioner Gimenez pointed out, although JMHI was a very good hospital, it was not the best hospital, and spoke in support of the steps Mr. Goldschmidt was taking in order to take UM/JMHI to the next level.

Commissioner Souto commended Mr. O'Quinn and Mr. Goldschmidt for doing a fine job. He noted the Miami-Dade County's Home Rule Charter stated that elected officials of the community represented Miami-Dade County. He noted also included in the Charter was a section pertaining to the provision of a hospital to take care of the needs of the people. He spoke in support of UM and JMHI continuing their partner relationship, working together for this community.

Commissioner Jordan noted former PHT Chairperson Ira Clark led the commitment between the major hospitals within the County to create a trauma network. She stated that JMHI built its trauma center as a result of the failure of the trauma network among the major hospitals to come to fruition. Commissioner Jordan indicated she felt a level of comfort after hearing Mr. Goldschmidt issue forth his commitment. Expressing her disagreement with Commissioner Gimenez' comment, she pointed out that while no hospital was perfect, JMHI was not just a good hospital but was one of the best. Commissioner Jordan stated that because of the relationship between the two entities, greater things would be accomplished in the future and she looked forward to that agreement.

Chairman Moss thanked Mr. O'Quinn and Mr. Goldschmidt for their presentations today and

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noted this situation would be monitored as it progressed.

1D2

071078 Discussion Item

Sally A. Heyman

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COUNTY'S
PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING LARGE ANIMALS*Presented*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

Commissioner Heyman thanked Dr. Pizano for bringing forth this issue regarding the need for procedures to deal with large animals (cows, horses, etc.) that were brought to the County.

Dr. Sara Pizana, Director, Animal Services, appeared before the Committee and noted there was no budget for the care of large animals brought to the County due to neglect, cruelty, or abandonment. She listed the Florida Statutes that stated the County was responsible for these animals. Dr. Pizana advised that the Department enlisted the help of the South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), a nonprofit organization established in 1992 to care for the animals. She noted this was a temporary solution since the owner of the property was planning to develop the site commercially within the next two years. Dr. Pizana noted she was searching for property on which the Department could establish a ranch to provide permanent care for those animals. As a long-term goal, she recommended a partnership between the Corrections and Animal Services Departments and the SPCA as a vendor. Dr. Pizana stated this would provide an opportunity to rehabilitate at-risk youth while providing care for the animals, as well as qualify for grant funds.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding policy in that the Florida Statutes required the County to assume responsibility and physical care of these animals. She suggested that the County explore parks as alternative sites, consider land acquisitions, determine the County's obligation, and look for unexplored opportunities.

Commissioner Moss asked Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant to develop a plan for the care of large animals subjected to neglect, cruelty or abandonment.

Dr. Pizana agreed to meet with Commissioner Diaz following today's meeting to address his

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concerns regarding the current process for picking up stray animals from neighborhoods.

1D3

071113 Discussion Item

Sally A. Heyman

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FOOD SERVICES
BUREAU FOR THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

Presented

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing discussion item into the record.*

Commissioner Heyman provided a brief overview of the intent of the foregoing item.

Commissioner Sosa recommended this item be deferred to the next Committee meeting since the department director was not able to attend and needed to be aware of these important issues being presented.

Commissioner Heyman advised that she had spoken with the director, who was indeed aware of this issue. She noted other departmental representatives were present today as well as individuals from the public concerning this matter. She requested the Committee proceed with this presentation today.

Ms. Debbie Grant, Commander, Miami-Dade Food Services Bureau, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the concerns her agency was dealing with. She noted she had met with past and current directors of the Corrections Department regarding their concerns. She pointed out issues concerning the infrastructure, old equipment, and other problems existing in the various corrections' kitchen facilities, which had been cited by the Department of Health for violations during inspections. Ms. Grant gave a detailed description of the services provided by the Food Service Bureau and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Heyman thanked Ms. Grant for her presentation and acknowledged her efforts to maximize the delivery of services with efficiency and at a cost savings.

1D4

Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the title of the foregoing discussion item into the record.

Commissioner Moss provided a brief overview of

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the foregoing discussion item and noted a potential ordinance coming forth that concerned this matter. He pointed out that the City of Miami Beach Fire Department's interest in contracting services from the Town of Surfside was a source of major concern for the union.

Commissioner Sosa noted the importance of this issue as it related to the protection and safety of the residents of Miami-Dade County. She stated the public's safety was the Commission's responsibility and when a fragmentation in public safety existed, the public was not protected.

Mr. Herminio Lorenzo, Director, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR), responded to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry regarding the placement of a fire station in the Town of Surfside. He advised that after six years, the MDFR had identified property adjacent to the Surfside City Hall facility suitable for a fire station. While in the process of negotiating the purchase, he noted the department was informed that the City of Miami Beach was providing quotes to various municipalities in the area to provide them with municipal services. Chief Lorenzo noted he attended the Surfside City Commission meeting where the City of Miami Beach presented a formal proposal to provide the Town of Surfside with fire rescue protection via a rescue unit part-time, at half the cost they were currently paying into the District. He summarized the discussion held regarding this matter. He stated that the aspects of the mutual aid agreements would be revisited and recommendations would be presented to the Commission. He advised that he had met with the Mayor and City Manager of the Town of Surfside to discuss these and other public safety issues.

Commissioner Gimenez spoke in support of the forthcoming ordinance and noted a policy establishing equilibrium was needed to set boundaries. He noted he would like to co-sponsor Chairman Moss' ordinance when brought forth.

Commissioner Heyman spoke in support of the potential ordinance and stated she too would like to be listed as a co-sponsor of Chairman Moss' ordinance. She concurred with Chief Lorenzo's comment regarding the potential for cherry-picking practices in this matter. Commissioner Heyman recommended fire and rescue services be regionalized.

Commissioner Sosa noted she would like to be

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added as a co-sponsor whenever Commissioner Moss' ordinance came forward. She asked that if a public safety task force was required that she be designated to initiate those efforts

Commissioner Moss asked Assistant County Attorney Valda Christian to prepare a written proposal for presentation at the May 17th Committee meeting and to also present this proposal for discussion the League of Cities before the May 17th meeting.

Assistant County Manager Hudak clarified that the item would appear for first reading at the appropriate Commission meeting, then it would come back to the Committee for public hearing; at which time the municipalities would be notified.

Chairman Moss announced that the dedication of the County's "Fire Boat" would be held tomorrow (4/13) in the Town of Surfside and congratulated Chief Lorenzo on this accomplishment.

1D4

071119 Discussion Item

Dennis C. Moss

DISCUSSION RELATING TO CONTRACTING FOR FIRE
RESCUE SERVICES

Presented

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

070946 Resolution

Jose "Pepe" Diaz,

Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle, Barbara J. Jordan
RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER
TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
ESTABLISHING A WARNING SYSTEM TO ALERT THE
PUBLIC OF IMMINENT SEVERE WEATHER
CONDITIONS SUCH AS TORNADOS AND TO REPORT
BACK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WITHIN 90 DAYS

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian
read the foregoing proposed resolution into the
record.*

*Chairman Moss asked to be listed as a co-sponsor
of the foregoing resolution.*

*There being no further comments or discussion,
the Committee proceeded to vote.*

2B

070491 Ordinance Joe A. Martinez

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-56.28.17 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS BY THE ETHICS COMMISSION; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

Chairman Moss opened the public hearing, and there being no individual(s) to appear concerning this matter, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Heyman noted she had met with the Director of the Ethics Commission regarding suggestions for addressing the timing issues and the nature of complaints, and inquired as to the status of the revisions to those suggestions.

Mr. Robert Meyers, Director, Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, explained that Commissioner Heyman was referring to an Administrative Order (AO) to implement the Hearing Examiner Program. He stated he had been advised by the County Attorney's Office that the process for implementing AOs had been changed, which would delay the subject AO's presentation to the Board. Mr. Meyers noted this ordinance dealt with retaliation complaints that County employees would file against people after they had blown the whistle on them. He noted this provided the Ethics Commission the opportunity to participate in that process. Pertaining to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry, Mr. Meyers stated that any proposed changes to the Ethics Commission's structure, ordinance, and accountability, would be reviewed by a task force, whose recommendations would be submitted directly to the Board this fall. He further noted that the task force had scheduled its first meeting for April 23, 2007.

There being no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2C

070871 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER
TO INITIATE EDUCATIONAL/AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
ADVISING PUBLIC OF DANGERS OF UTILIZING
CRUISE CONTROL IN WET OR SLIPPERY CONDITIONS

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2C Amended; Legislative File
No. 070871.*

2C Amended

071182 Resolution Joe A. Martinez

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER
TO INITIATE EDUCATIONAL/AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
ADVISING PUBLIC OF DANGERS OF UTILIZING
CRUISE CONTROL DURING CONDITIONS OF
INCLEMENT WEATHER [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER
FILE NO. 070871]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation with committee
amendment(s)
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian
read the foregoing proposed resolution into the
record.*

*The Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed
resolution to the BCC with Committee
amendments to the title to read "Resolution
directing the County Manager to initiate
educational/awareness campaign advising public
of dangers of utilizing cruise control during
conditions of inclement weather."*

*There being no further discussion, the Committee
proceeded to vote.*

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2D

070813 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR THE DISCOVERY AND DESTRUCTION OF AFRICANIZED HONEY BEES IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AREA

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Sosa commented that the Africanized Honey Bees were the most aggressive in nature and had been known as the "Killer Bees."

There being no further comments or discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2E

070824 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING LOBBYIST REGISTRATIONS, REPORTS AND PAYMENTS ON-LINE

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2E Amended; Legislative File No. 070824.*

2E Amended

070824 Resolution Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING LOBBYIST REGISTRATIONS, REPORTS AND PAYMENTS ON-LINE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution to the BCC with Committee amendments to delete the word "shall" from the second sentence of the fifth paragraph, and insert the word "may" in its place.

There being no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2F

071012 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Carlos A. Gimenez, Joe A. Martinez,
Dennis C. Moss, Rebeca Sosa, Dorrin D. Rolle

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY ACADEMY OF FIRE RESCUE, PROVIDING
FOR EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE, AUTHORIZING THE
COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE
REQUIRED FUTURE AGREEMENTS AND TO
RECOMMEND BUDGETARY FUNDING TO ENSURE
THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC
Chairperson with a favorable
recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Diaz
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Responding to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry regarding the location of this program, Commissioner Jordan advised that upon the Board's approval of last year's budget for this pilot program, it was determined that this program should be conducted at a location that was ready to go. She stated the pilot program was located at North Miami Senior High School. Commissioner Jordan noted that upon approval of the foregoing proposed resolution, plans were underway to expand the academy to those schools that had been assessed with adequate student populations and sciences in place, beginning with tenth graders.*

Miami-Dade Fire Chief Herminio Lorenzo appeared before the Committee and explained the process for creating the foregoing proposed academy of fire rescue pilot program through the County and the School Board in 2005. He stated that currently the pilot program consisted of 36 junior and senior students at the North Miami Senior High School. Chief Lorenzo noted that upon the students' graduation from the program at the high school, they could continue in the program at Miami-Dade College and obtain their Firefighter II certification, as well as their Emergency Medical Treatment (EMT) certification. He summarized the process for application and acceptance into the program. In response to Commissioner Gimenez' inquiry regarding the ethnic breakdown of the current students, Chief Lorenzo stated that all students currently in the program were African American.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's comment regarding the shortage of police and correctional officers, Commissioner Jordan advised that she had already asked the County Attorney to be prepared to expand this type of program to academies for police and corrections.

Commissioner Sosa announced her desire to co-sponsor any items related to expanding this program to those service areas.

Commissioner Diaz spoke in support of this program and requested to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution and future related items.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez' concerns, Chief Lorenzo noted that since this program was becoming so popular, it would be necessary to limit the number of participants through a selection process. He explained that, from the onset, this program was based on the entire public safety environment, including dispatch 911 operators, fire inspectors, police and corrections departments, and any other health and safety service agencies. Chief Lorenzo pointed out that efforts were underway to make the program beneficial to the community.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Chief Lorenzo to engage in dialogue with fire departments and other agencies within the various municipalities and encourage them to participate in this program. Commissioner Gimenez asked that Fire Chief Lorenzo also provide a report on the availability of Medicare and Medicaid Insurance reimbursements for transporting patients by Air Rescue.

Commissioner Heyman asked Chief Lorenzo, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, to come up with some logistical numbers for costs associated with rescue responses to accidents (i.e., ambulatory and air rescue transport, etc.). She also asked Chief Lorenzo to prepare a report for Committee review on fees charged in the different jurisdictions as a reference point.

Chairman Moss asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting the County Commission's Chairman, Bruno A. Barreiro, to waive the Committee's rules and allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the April 24, 2007 County Commission meeting.

There being no further discussion, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENT(S)

3A

070950 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 7855 N.W. 12 STREET, SUITE 114, MIAMI, WITH ADLER OFFICE ASSOCIATES, A FLORIDA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

There being no questions or comments regarding this matter, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3B

071061 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE "1122 PROGRAM;" AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Sosa

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

There being no questions or comments regarding this matter, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3C

071052 Resolution

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DEPOSIT TO BE COLLECTED WITH AGREEMENT TO STERILIZE ANIMALS ADOPTED FROM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER AND WITH RENTAL OF CAT AND DOG TRAPS FROM DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING ANIMAL SERVICES DEPOSIT TRUST FUND TO RECEIVE DEPOSITS; ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUND; AND WAIVING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-38 WITH RESPECT TO SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS (Animal Services)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Gimenez
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

There being no questions or comments regarding this matter, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

071090 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR MARCH 15, 2007 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved
Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Sosa
Vote: 6-0*

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed report for approval into the record.*

There being no questions or comments regarding this matter, the Committee proceeded to vote.

7 REPORTS

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7A

070647 Report

"FY 2007-08 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS" (County Manager)

Deferred to no date certain

Report: *Chairman Moss asked that the foregoing proposed budget presentations be deferred to May 2007, and that a date be scheduled to review these presentations. He noted he would request the Commission Auditor to assist the Committee in establishing a process for these presentations. In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry as to whether a workshop would be held to review line items individually, Commissioner Moss stated he desired to have a separate meeting in May 2007 to review the budget oversight process. He invited members to provide the Commission Auditor with any suggestions they might have to get a clear understanding of the Commission's oversight responsibilities.*

7A SUPPLEMENT

071135 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE : DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Deferred to no date certain

Report: *(See report under Agenda Item 7A; Legislative File No. 070647.)*

7B

070712 Report

REPORT RE: THE INMATE HEALTHCARE SERVICES (County Manager)

Deferred to no date certain

*Mover: Diaz
Seconder: Gimenez
Vote: 6-0*

Health and Public Safety Committee

FINAL OFFICIAL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2007

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070977 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2007 DIAL-
A-LIFE ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT BOARD

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable
recommendation*

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Gimenez

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian
read the foregoing proposed report into the record.*

*There being no questions or comments regarding
this matter, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

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071059 Report

REPORT OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND

(County Manager)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sosa

Seconder: Diaz

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Valda Clark Christian read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak advised that the Police Department requested the foregoing item be waived to the full BCC to expedite the implementation of some of the programs.

Mr. J.D. Patterson, Jr., Assistant Director, Support Services, Miami-Dade Police Department, explained that the request to waive the foregoing proposed item to the BCC was to expedite the program to reduce gun violence.

Chairman Moss asked staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting that the County Commission's Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro waive the Committee's rules and allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the April 24, 2007 County Commission meeting.

Commissioner Souto asked Mr. Patterson to address the following concerns that had occurred within District 10 during the past few weeks:

- background checks on baseball coaches at Tamiami Park due to the Shannon Melinde Act;*
- status of the burglary that occurred at Westview Park;*
- status of the incident involving a deceased person found in a pharmacy near Tropical Park;*
- and*
- status of police efforts to reduce/eliminate shooting incidents within District 10.*

Commissioner Moss asked Mr. Patterson to meet with Commissioner Souto to address his foregoing concerns.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.*



Dennis C. Moss, Chair