

SALES TAX FOCUS GROUP MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2014 – 1:00 pm
18500 Murdock Circle, Room B106, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

In Attendance:

Bill Abbatematteo, Donna Barrett, Ruth Bromberg, Rick Brunette, Tom Cavanaugh, Marcia Cullinan, John Dollinger, Judy Malbuisson, Julie Mathis, Gary Quill, Jim Quinn, Todd Rebol voting for Kevin Russell, Dr. Doug Whittaker, John Wright, Brian Gleason – Moderator. Kevin Russell was also in attendance but not voting.

Charlotte County Government Staff: Doug Blevins, Gordon Burger, Dave Donahew, Hector Flores, Debrah Forester, Elaine Jones, Emily Lewis, Dan Quick, Jason Stoltzfus, Ray Sandrock, Tommy Scott, Kelly Shoemaker, Marianne Taylor

Opening Remarks:

Kelly opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and asked for approval of the March 13 and March 20 meetings. John moved to approve minutes from March 13; Judy seconded and motion passed unanimously. Donna corrected the minutes from March 20 about the Family Services Center visitors annually to daily. John Dollinger moved to approve as corrected and John Wright seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Kelly distributed tally sheets for today's ratings.

Final Recommendations:

Jason introduced a spreadsheet that will be used during deliberations today. Brian thanked Kelly and staff for their assistance. The Group agreed to vote on last few selections.

Burnt Store Road Phase 2 – take off list of recommendations.

Charlotte Harbor Gateway – add to approved projects list.

Piper Road North – add to approved projects list.

Olean Boulevard Widening – add to approved projects list.

Family Services Center, Renovation – add to approved projects list.

North Charlotte Regional Park Recreation Center – add to approved projects list.

Jail Expansion, Phase 1 (Infirmary) – add to approved projects list.

Edgewater Drive, Phase 4 (from Midway to Collingswood) – take off list of recommendations.

Edgewater Drive, Phase 3 (from State Road 776 down Collingswood) – take off list of recommendations.

Cultural Center of Charlotte County Improvements – take off list of recommendations.

Renovation of Recreation Centers – add to approved projects list.

Firing Range/Training Center (\$1.9 Million) – add to approved projects list.

Cultural Guild (West County) – take off list of recommendations.

Recreation Center, Ann Dever Regional Park – add to approved project list.

Splash Pool, Ann Dever Regional Park – add to approved projects list.

South County Regional Park Splash Pad – take off list of recommendations.

Placida Bunk House Rehabilitation – add to approved projects list.

Cattle Dock Boat Ramp – add to secondary list.

McGuire Park, Phase I – add to approved projects list.

Multi-use Trails & On-road Bicycle Lanes – add to approved projects list.

Toledo Blade – add to secondary list.

Sailing Center, Port Charlotte Beach – add to approved projects list.

Fiber to Fire Stations – add to approved projects list.

Charlotte Harbor Trails & Wayfinding – add to approved projects list.

Carmalita Stockade Rehabilitation – take off list of recommendations.

Veterans Memorial Park – add to approved projects list.

Justice Center Generator Upgrade – add to secondary list.
Environmental Trailheads – add to approved projects list.
Fire Station 10 (Palm Island) – take off list of recommendations.
Pedestrian Bridge – take off list of recommendations.
Sheriff District 4 Headquarters (Port Charlotte) – take off list of recommendations.
Historical Center – take off list of recommendations.

The Group discussed and reconsidered several projects which resulted in the attached recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Group prioritized Tier 2 projects on the attached recommendation to the Board.

These minutes were reviewed on screen; motion and second was moved to approve the minutes; motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion and second was moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.; motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bonnie Leroy.

Estimated Sales Tax Allocation	\$110,000,000
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**1% Local Option Sales Tax proposed projects
Recommended by Focus Group, 3/21/14**

Total of Tier 1 Projects	\$111,477,076
Total of Tier 2 Projects	\$13,836,500
Total of All Projects	\$125,313,576

	South County	Mid County	West County	Countywide	Totals
Tier 1 by Region	\$29,314,000	\$26,511,000	\$19,596,000	\$36,056,076	\$ 111,477,076
Tier 2 by Region		\$7,996,500		\$5,840,000	\$ 13,836,500
Total by Region	\$29,314,000	\$34,507,500	\$19,596,000	\$41,896,076	\$ 125,313,576

	South County	Mid County	West County	Countywide	Totals
Infrastructure and Utilities					
Olean Boulevard Widening	\$0	\$9,914,000	\$0	\$0	
Piper Road North	\$22,413,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Toledo Blade	\$0	\$2,640,000	\$0	\$0	
Total Infrastructure and Utilities	\$22,413,000	\$12,554,000	\$0	\$0	\$34,967,000

	South County	Mid County	West County	Countywide	Totals
Public Safety					
Digital P25 Radio System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	
Fiber to Fire Stations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$143,000	
CC Sheriff Firing Range/Training Center/District 3 HQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,971,000	
West County Annex Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$6,500,000	\$0	
Jail Expansion Phase I	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,110,264	
Justice Center Generator Upgrade	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	
CC Sheriff District 1 (West County) HQ	\$0	\$0	\$3,800,000	\$0	
Total Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$10,300,000	\$21,574,264	\$31,874,264

	South County	Mid County	West County	Countywide	Totals
Schools					
Front Entry Access Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,074,700	
Classroom Security Function Lock Sets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$676,223	
Wireless Access Points	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$423,900	
Total Schools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,174,823	\$2,174,823

	South County	Mid County	West County	Countywide	Totals
Quality of Life					
Charlotte Harbor Trails and Wayfinding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	
Harbor Walk/Gateway Project	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,271,297	
Recreation Center - North Charlotte Regional Park	\$0	\$8,132,000	\$0	\$0	
Recreation Center - North Charlotte Regional Park Phase II	\$0	\$4,438,000	\$0	\$0	
Multi-use trails and on-road bicycle lanes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,800,000	
Sailing Center - Port Charlotte Beach	\$0	\$918,500	\$0	\$0	
Recreation Center - Ann Dever Regional Park	\$0	\$0	\$9,036,000	\$0	
Recreation center renovations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,543,000	
McGuire Park Phase I	\$0	\$1,145,000	\$0	\$0	
Oyster Creek Pool - Splash Pad	\$0	\$0	\$260,000	\$0	
Cattle Dock Boat Ramp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,490,000	
South County Library and Archive	\$6,901,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Family Services Center Phase I	\$0	\$5,995,000	\$0	\$0	
Family Services Center Phase II	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$0	
Veterans Memorial Park	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$692,692	
Environmental Park trailheads	\$0	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	
Placida Bunk House Rehabilitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	
Total Quality of Life	\$6,901,000	\$21,953,500	\$9,296,000	\$18,146,989	\$56,297,489

	South County	Mid County	West County	Countywide	Totals
Total By Region of the County	\$29,314,000	\$34,507,500	\$19,596,000	\$41,896,076	\$125,313,576

