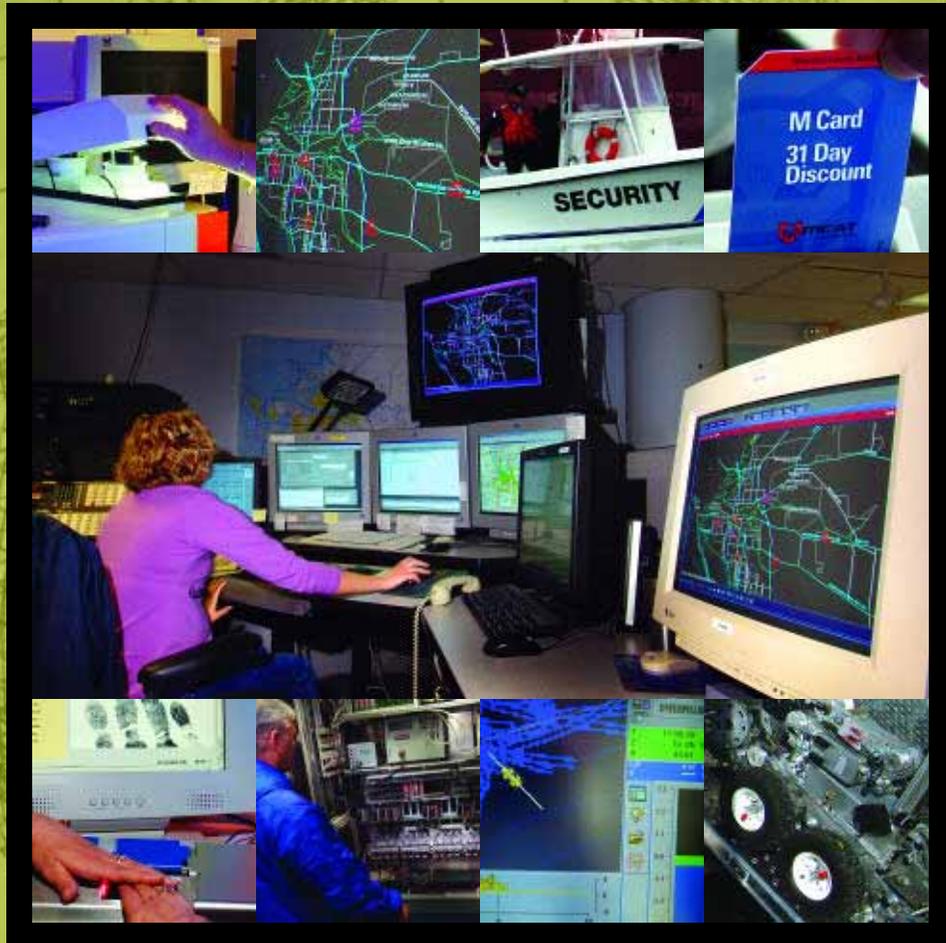


Manatee County

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Popular Report

A Financial Summary
For Its Citizens

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

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Manatee County is committed to using technology for the improvement of public services. Technology evolves so quickly that it is easy to take for granted all the ways in which it can improve our lives and the services that are available to us. Public roadways, public access and public safety are enhanced when technology and human compassion work together for the greater good.

As the volume of traffic in Manatee County continues to increase, local officials are planning ahead and incorporating the latest technology into our traffic management systems and public transit vehicles in order to keep our residents and our public roadways safe.

Easy access to information about your local government, its actions and plans aids citizens in staying informed and making better decisions. Manatee County and its five constitutional officers use technology to provide interactive web sites that are full of information designed to inform and assist.

In times of crisis, we find ourselves grateful for the public safety technology that the County has available to us. From bomb-searching robots to 911 systems that can pinpoint the caller's location to state-of-the-art ambulances that allow for more medical services to be administered en route to the hospital, technology promotes the safety of the first responders and increases the likelihood of a safer, healthier outcome for all involved.

The technology embraced by Manatee County serves as an open, 24-hour door for interactive communication. Information and communication are just two of the ways technology and those who serve our County work hand-in-hand to keep Manatee County a wonderful place to call home.

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2004 - 2005

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Accomplishments at a Glance

- Collected \$24.2 million in child support for the children of Manatee County, a 15% increase over last year. Manatee County exceeds state averages for percentage of increases in new support orders and percentage of child support collected.
- Received our 26th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for our 2004 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- Received our 7th consecutive Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for our 2004 Popular Report from the GFOA.
- Implemented 'e-Marriage,' an online marriage application process that saves time for our customers and reduces data entry work for staff.
- The implementation in July 2005 of OR Auto Feed allows pleadings filed within the courts to be electronically recorded in the Official Records (OR).
- The addition of a Traffic Citation Payment Drop Box to the exterior grounds of the courthouse allows traffic customers to pay tickets without having to enter the courthouse. This is not only a time saver for customers due to parking, but useful for those coming to pay tickets during times the office is closed.
- The Department of Financial Recovery (DFR) continued to increase collection percentages for fines and court costs legally owed. This fiscal year, DFR collected \$490,405.
- Our Indigence Examiners collected \$64,758 in indigence fees this fiscal year. These are monies that previously went uncollected until responsibility was given to the Clerk.
- As a Passport Acceptance Agent, we extended our service to include taking passport photographs. From June 1 to the end of this fiscal year, our office collected more than \$3,200 from this service.
- 415 children ages 10 to 17 successfully completed Teen Court and contributed 8,359 volunteer hours to the community. Florida Teen Courts also successfully lobbied for Florida Statute 938.19, which reinstates funding through a \$3 fee assessed to anyone who pleads guilty or no contest to certain traffic and criminal crimes.
- Added the Family Heritage House Museum, the only African-American museum in southwest Florida, to our growing Historical Resources department.
- 1,100 local students participated in the Manatee County History Fair, hosted each year by our Historical Resources department.
- Foster Care Citizens Review provided 123 reviews this year of 214 Manatee County children, using 35 volunteers serving on 7 panels.
- Initiated a Work-at-Home program for employees of selected groups that are able to access their work products via electronic images.

A Message from Chips Shore

Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Manatee County's Popular Report gives the citizens of our community a snapshot of the county's financial performance and well-being, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. The format is designed to be straightforward and easy-to-read.

For anyone who is interested in our county's fiscal stability, I invite you to read this report. Written for the non-financial reader, the report contains valuable, summarized information for every resident.

In addition to the Popular Report, the Finance Department of the Clerk of the Circuit Court also produces the more detailed Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR meets stringent government standards and is evaluated by bond rating agencies to assess Manatee County's financial stability and to determine interest and insurance rates.

For the 26th consecutive year, our CAFR has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. While the responsibility for the accuracy of all data lies with me, the recognition of receiving this prestigious award goes to our Finance Department.

It is an exciting time to live in Manatee County. Our area is evolving and growing as more people recognize the beauty of our county and our resources. From pristine beaches to a strong local economy, Manatee County has much to offer all its residents. At the Clerk's Office, we are proud to live in Manatee County and we are pleased to give you your County's financial "report card" in an accurate and timely fashion. All four financial reports, the Popular Report, the CAFR, Port Manatee and the Utilities System reports, are available on-line at www.ManateeClerk.com and in hardcopy. Hardcopies of the CAFR and the annual reports for Port Manatee and Manatee County's Public Utilities System are available by contacting our Finance Department at (941) 749-1800 ext. 6102.

Growth and change offer us opportunities to improve. If you have comments or suggestions on how we can improve our Popular Report, please contact my office by phone at (941) 741-4002 or by visiting our web site at www.ManateeClerk.com.

Respectfully,



R. B. "Chips" Shore
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting

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**MANATEE COUNTY,
FLORIDA**

**For the fiscal year ending
September 30, 2004**



Nancy L. Zjelka
President

Jeffrey L. Esler
Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Manatee County, Florida for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

About This Report

The Popular Report provides an overview of the operations of Manatee County's constitutional offices:

- Board of County Commissioners, Port Authority and Civic Center Authority
- Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller
- Property Appraiser
- Sheriff
- Supervisor of Elections
- Tax Collector

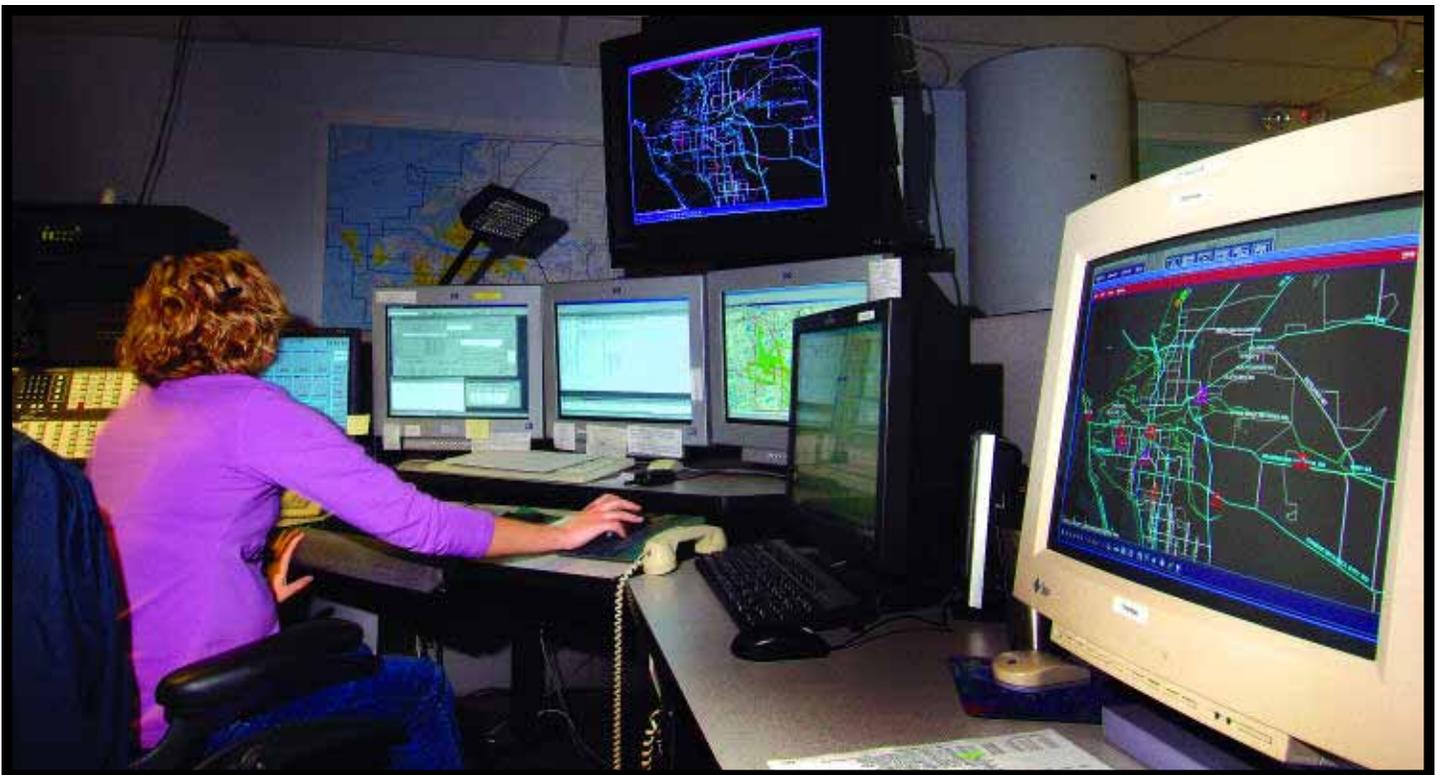
This report also provides an overview of the areas of responsibility for each county department and the Constitutional Officers.

The financial information presented here is in summarized form, and does not substitute for the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR outlines the County's financial position and operating activities for the year in great detail and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Our Popular Report includes condensed information from its statement of net assets and a condensed statement of activities with previous year comparative data as well as an overview of county functions and historical data. This Popular Report, because of its summary nature, does not conform to generally accepted accounting principles and associated reporting standards set forth by applicable governing bodies.

The presentation reflects county operations divided into two major categories: governmental and business-type.

Governmental activities are those primarily supported by tax dollars for services such as libraries, emergency medical services, law enforcement and transportation. The governmental category can be further subdivided between operations and capital activities. Capital project activities are dollars spent to construct, acquire or improve major facilities of the government.

Business-type activities offer goods and services of the county for sale and are intended to be self-supporting. Examples are Port Manatee and the County's water and sewer system.



Manatee County Government

Manatee County government operates under a constitution adopted in 1921. This constitution established a governing body known as the Board of County Commissioners, which is made up of seven residents elected by county voters. The commissioners' offices are in the County Administrative Center where public meetings are held. The commissioners also serve as the Port Authority and the Civic Center Authority boards.

In addition to the seven County Commissioners, voters elect five constitutional officers: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections and the Tax Collector.

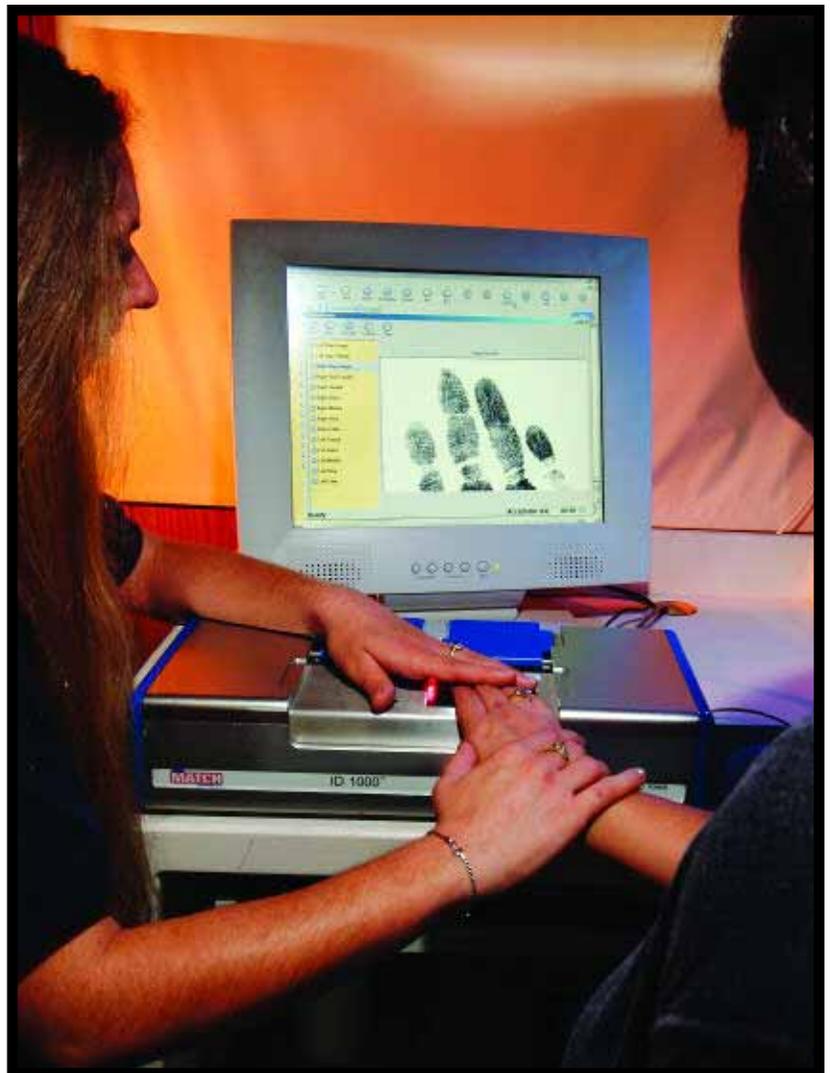
Encompassing 740 square miles, Manatee County has six incorporated cities within its borders: Anna Maria, Bradenton, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach, Longboat Key and Palmetto. Each is governed by city councils elected by residents of the respective city.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller share in the fiscal responsibility of Manatee County. The Commission and the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller are separately elected constitutional officers and vested with separate powers, according to Florida law. This separation of power provides checks and balances within the county government to help safeguard the assets of the county.

The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for adopting an annual budget for all departments under the commissioners. The budget is prepared by the Department of Financial Management and presented to the commissioners for approval. The budget governs expenditures by the departments. It is illegal for department managers to exceed their budget.

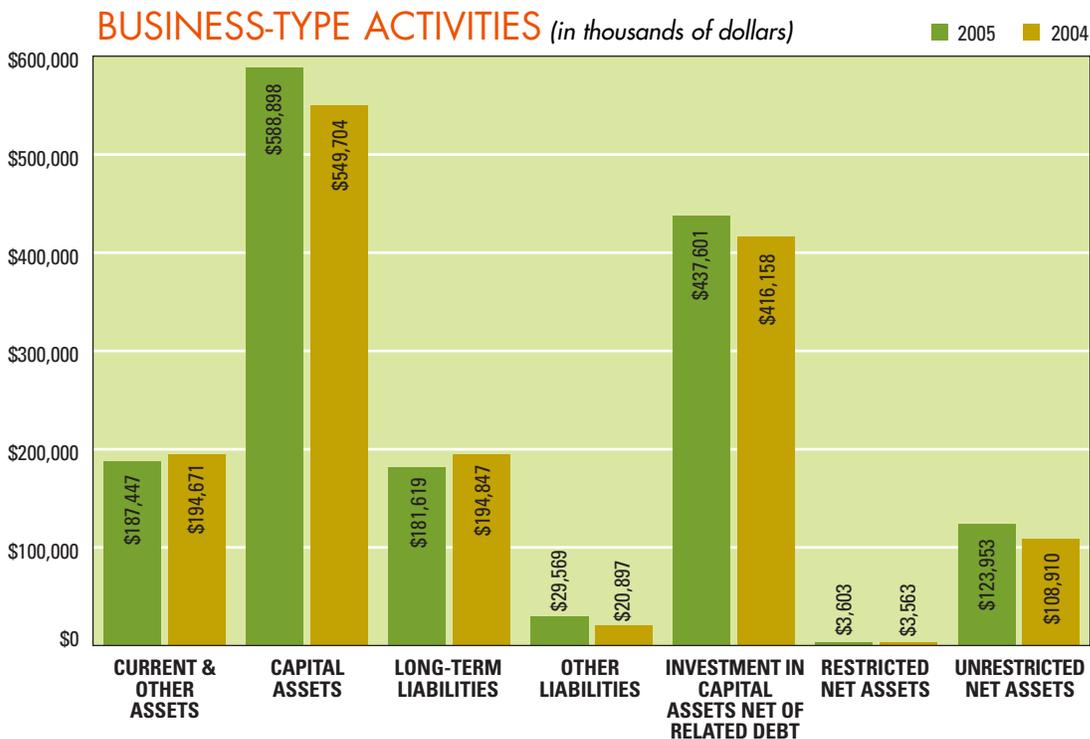
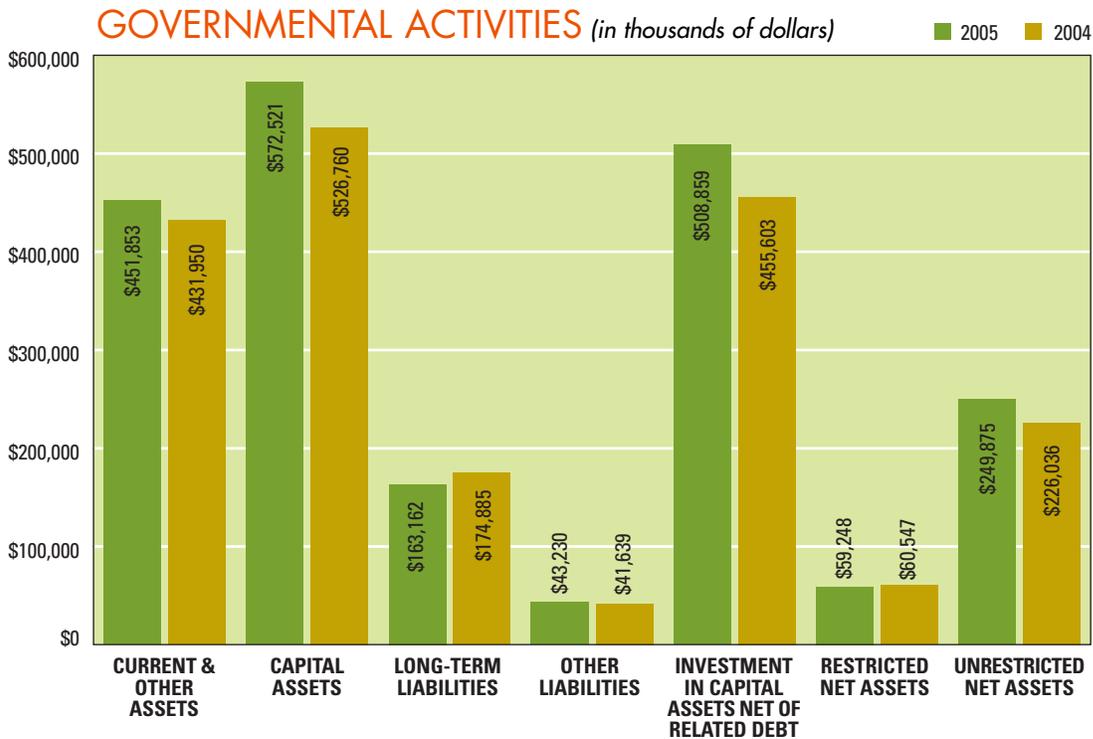
The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller is responsible for safeguarding Manatee County assets and is personally liable for any losses due to illegal payments. A key part of this responsibility is the control of county funds. Only the Clerk can disburse funds. Before monies are disbursed, all expenditures go through a rigorous preaudit process. The Clerk must ensure that all expenditures are legal, budgeted and in compliance with county policies and procedures. As an extension of these responsibilities, the Clerk's office also prepares the financial statements of the county.



Financial Reporting

The following graphs provide comparative, government-wide information, giving a broad overview of Manatee County's financial position for both its governmental and business-type activities. The values are computed under similar financial rules as private sector financial statements. Governmental activities are those primarily supported by tax dollars for services such as public safety, transportation, human services and general government. Business-type activities offer goods and services for sale and are intended to be self-supporting through the charges for those goods and services.

These graphs show the County's assets, liabilities, and net assets. Changes in net assets over time are an indication of an improving or deteriorating financial position. Both governmental and business-type activities had an increase in net assets from September 30, 2004 to 2005, reflecting a positive fiscal improvement for the County. The unrestricted net assets are available resources to finance the County's on-going operations.

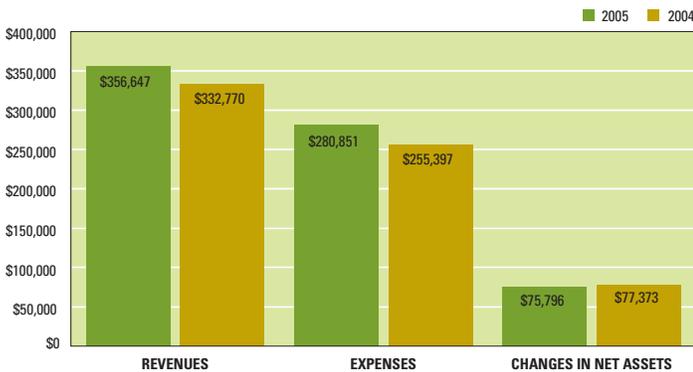


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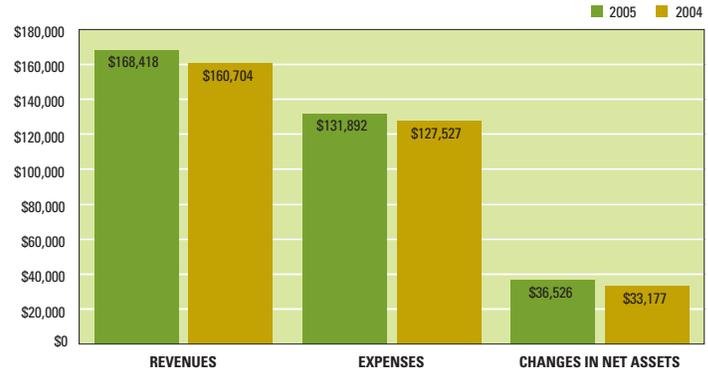
The following comparative, government-wide Condensed Statement of Activities and related graphs present the revenues, expenses and changes in net assets. Increases in both revenues and expenses in fiscal year 2005 can be primarily associated with the overall growth in the County's population. The largest expense increase occurred in public safety, as a result of the County's commitment to effectively manage the basic needs of the growing population, and enhance security for its citizens.

Program revenues consist of charges for services, operating grants, capital grants and contributions. General revenues consist of property taxes, other taxes, state revenue sharing, interest income, miscellaneous revenues and intergovernmental transfers. Other expenses for governmental activities are related to physical and economic environment, human services, culture and recreation functions, interest payments on debt and intergovernmental transfers. Other expenses for business-type activities are related to the transit system, golf courses and convention center activities.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (in thousands of dollars)



BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES (in thousands of dollars)



MANATEE COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (in thousands of dollars)

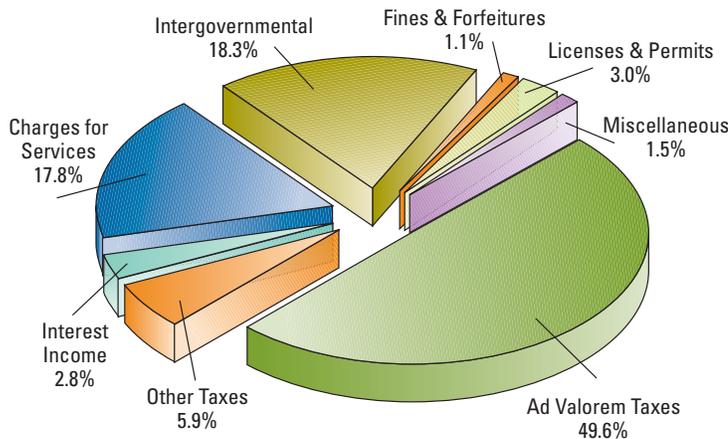
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenues						
Program revenues	\$ 116,148	\$ 123,237	\$ 165,097	\$ 158,677	\$ 281,245	\$ 281,914
General revenues	240,499	209,533	3,321	2,027	243,820	211,560
Total revenues	356,647	332,770	168,418	160,704	525,065	493,474
Expenses						
General government	63,029	64,885	—	—	63,029	64,885
Public safety	120,703	111,016	—	—	120,703	111,016
Transportation	27,676	23,145	—	—	27,676	23,145
Utilities	—	—	104,429	101,553	104,429	101,553
Port Authority	—	—	13,207	12,640	13,207	12,640
Other	69,443	56,351	14,256	13,334	83,699	69,685
Total expenses	280,851	255,397	131,892	127,527	412,743	382,924
Changes in net assets	75,796	77,373	36,526	33,177	112,322	110,550
Net assets beginning	742,186	664,813	528,631	495,454	1,270,817	1,160,267
Net assets ending	\$ 817,982	\$ 742,186	565,157	\$ 528,631	\$ 1,383,139	\$ 1,270,817

General Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for tax supported activities. The classification of certain financial transactions are recorded per fund accounting requirements. The primary differences between the government-wide statement of revenues and expenses on the preceding pages and the governmental fund statistics on this page are:

- GOVERNMENT FUND REVENUES include all proceeds from the sale of capital assets, but exclude donations, net revenues of internal service funds and certain deferred revenues.
- GOVERNMENT FUND EXPENDITURES include capital outlays for the acquisition of new assets, expenditures for debt issuance costs and the repayment of principal of long term debt, but excludes deferred expenses and annual depreciation and amortization charges.

Revenues

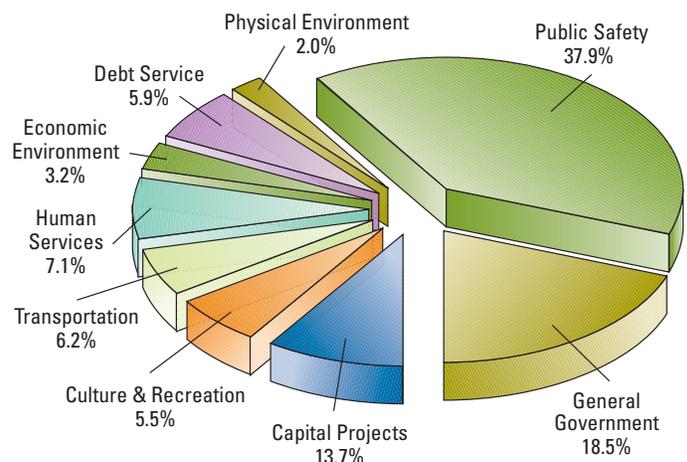


FISCAL YEAR 2005

	FY 2005	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002
Ad valorem taxes	49.6%	47.9%	48.5%	45.4%
Other taxes	5.9%	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%
Licenses and permits	3.0%	2.9%	2.5%	2.6%
Intergovernmental	18.3%	21.6%	19.4%	19.6%
Charges for services	17.8%	17.0%	17.7%	17.4%
Fines and forfeitures	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
Interest income	2.8%	1.4%	2.4%	5.0%
Miscellaneous	1.5%	2.1%	2.3%	2.7%

Expenditures

	FY 2005	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002
General government	18.5%	22.5%	21.6%	22.2%
Public safety	37.9%	41.1%	39.4%	37.4%
Physical environment	2.0%	2.4%	2.1%	1.8%
Transportation	6.2%	6.1%	7.3%	7.2%
Economic environment	3.2%	2.9%	2.4%	2.8%
Human services	7.1%	6.8%	6.8%	7.4%
Culture and recreation	5.5%	5.9%	5.5%	5.3%
Debt service	5.9%	4.1%	3.0%	3.9%
Capital projects	13.7%	8.2%	11.9%	12.0%



FISCAL YEAR 2005

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

The office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, an elected public trustee, was established by the Florida Constitution over 150 years ago. Responsible for 926 separate duties, the Clerk is accountable to the citizens of Manatee County, not to any elected official, thereby creating a system of “checks and balances” at the county level that has served the public well.

The Clerk oversees a complex organization that performs a wide range of record keeping, information management and financial management in the judicial system and county government.

The Clerk serves as the:

- Chief Financial Officer, accountant and auditor to the Board of County Commissioners, Port Authority and Civic Center Authority.
- Custodian of public records, public funds and public property.
- Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, 12th Judicial District.
- Collector and distributor of court fines and fees, child support and alimony payments and statutory assessments.
- Custodian of court records and ensures that the courts’ orders, judgments and directives are carried out within the parameters allowed by law.

R. B. “Chips” Shore has served as Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller since 1976. During his tenure as Clerk, a number of his major initiatives have involved incorporating technology and automating operations.

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for carrying out the Clerk’s duties as the county’s chief financial officer and comptroller for the Board of County Commissioners, Port Authority and Civic Center Authority. Those duties include pre-auditing disbursements made on behalf of the county. He may refuse to sign and deliver a county warrant for any unlawful expenditure.

The Finance Department also processes payroll for the Board and the Clerk, manages the county’s investment portfolio, maintains the records and conducts annual physical inventories of capital assets for the Board, Clerk, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector and, as the accountant to the Board, prepares financial reports.

Each year, the Finance Department produces the County’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the Public Utilities System Annual Financial Report, the Manatee County Port Authority Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, as well as individual statements and reports for the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

BOARD RECORDS

Board Records maintains the records of the official actions of 18 boards and committees in Manatee County. This includes taking minutes of the board meetings and keeping the official records, as well as files and exhibits of official actions. Board Records keeps electronic minute books, scans documents, and offers on-line verification of those minutes and documents. These actions improve the on-line availability of the records to the public.



OFFICIAL RECORDS

The Clerk of the Court is the official record keeper of all instruments required by law to be recorded. Official records are documents such as deeds, leases, mortgages, tax warrants, evictions or other documents relating to the ownership, transfer or encumbrance of real or personal property. Examples of other types of documents recorded in the official records are such items as judgments entered by the courts, tax liens, and bankruptcy petitions and orders.

Official record documents are electronically scanned, indexed and made available on the Clerk's Internet site, www.ManateeClerk.com, upon being recorded. The indexing of documents allows various searchers to review the history of property or legal documents and cases involving a person or business.



The Clerk is also responsible for storing and destroying, as approved by law, the records of various court and county departments.

CLERK'S ACCOUNTING

Clerk's Accounting serves as a central collection point for all funds received at the courthouse by the Clerk's Office and remits funds to appropriate government agencies. Payments range from traffic fines and child support payments to fees for marriage licenses and ceremonies. Clerk's Accounting also operates a second cashiering office in the County Administrative Center and collects payments for various county departments such as Utility Operations and the Building and Planning departments.

Internal Audit

During the course of any given fiscal year, the departments that are part of Manatee County government receive budgets approved by the Board of County Commissioners that are allocated to carry out various functions and projects. There are also numerous non-profit agencies that enter into contractual agreements for funding services and programs. Internal controls are in place for the purpose of assuring the budgets are spent as they were originally intended.

Internal Audit measures and evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of internal controls that have been established. In addition to the financial controls, Internal Audit also performs compliance and operational audits, provides assistance to external auditors and investigates fraud. To make fraud reporting easier for the public, Internal Audit has established a 24-hour fraud hotline at 941-742-5938 as well as an on-line fraud reporting form.

Additionally, Internal Audit is offering more consultative work to county management. The auditors work with various department managers, at their request, to examine systems and operations to ensure maximum efficiency and compliance.

Courts

The Florida Constitution charges the Clerk of the Court with the responsibility of maintaining the records of both the circuit and county courts, and ensuring that the courts' orders, judgments and directives are carried out within the parameters allowed by law. The Clerk's office does this by processing new cases, preparing court dockets, attending all criminal proceedings and recording disposition of cases, determining indigence, collecting criminal fines, pursuing financial recovery, and preparing and recording judgments.

The Clerk is required by law to summon jurors who are needed in trial courts and pay the jurors for their service.

Circuit court cases include criminal felonies, juvenile delinquencies and dependencies, probate, guardianships, civil actions such as divorces, adoptions, child support, mortgage foreclosures and suits over \$15,000.

County court cases include non-criminal traffic and misdemeanors such as shoplifting, reckless driving, battery, assault, driving under the influence, and civil cases such as small claims, evictions and suits under \$15,000.

Criminal, civil and traffic court case management information is available on-line on the Clerk's website, www.ManateeClerk.com.

Programs & Services

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Child Support Enforcement began operation under the Clerk in 1985, when collections were approximately \$5,000 per month. That figure has grown to over \$2.0 million per month.

Staff attorneys represent custodial parents in civil litigation involving paternity establishment, child support establishment, modification and enforcement. This department handles cases in which the custodial or non-custodial parent lives either in Manatee County, Florida, another state, or a foreign country where reciprocal agreements exist for child support services.

By law, these services are provided to custodial parents or caretaker relatives who receive public assistance and/or Medicaid for the child in their care. Parents not receiving such assistance may contract for those services for a nominal, one-time application fee.

Child support enforcement for uncooperative parents can be done through several methods such as drivers' license suspension, wage withholding and interception of Internal Revenue Service refunds, unemployment compensation and lottery winnings. Child support staff are partnering with the Department of Revenue on the development of a new statewide child support system that will better automate parent location searches and financial processing. The new system is slated to go online this spring and should improve client services.

Funds paid for court-ordered support cases are collected through the State's central depository that processes and disburses the funds to the custodial parent.

CITIZENS REVIEW

Sponsored by the Clerk's Office, Citizens Review is a volunteer program in which panel members review the cases of the abused and neglected children of Manatee County and report their findings to a judge.

The goal of the program is to provide a safe, loving and permanent home for the children. The volunteers achieve this goal by making sure that all services available to the families are offered, by holding all parties responsible for their specific tasks dictated by the case plan, by keeping the lines of communication open and by ensuring that no child remains in the system longer than necessary. Manatee County currently has seven citizen review panels, comprised of 35 volunteers that reviewed 214 children this year.

TEEN COURT AND TEEN COURT TOO

Teen Court and Teen Court Too were established by the Clerk to provide early intervention of young offenders to prevent a pattern of criminal behavior.

Children, ages 10-17, who meet certain criteria are referred to the programs by the Juvenile Assessment Center, the State Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies, juvenile court and school resource officers. Teen Court and Teen Court Too volunteers, who are in elementary, middle and high school, perform the roles of prosecuting and defense attorneys, clerks, bailiffs and jury. Local attorneys, who volunteer their time, act as the judge and are the only adults directly involved in the proceedings.

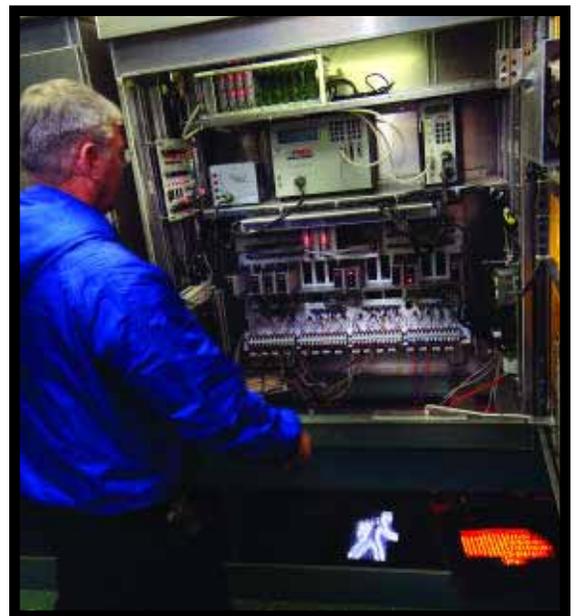
Offenders accept the consequences of their acts through community service, serving on jury duty for other Teen Court cases and any other disciplinary measures sanctioned by the Teen Court jury. In 2005, 415 youths participated and volunteered 8,359 hours. The Clerk, in conjunction with the Manatee County Bar Association, sponsors an annual mock trial competition where area high schools prepare and present cases as attorneys and witnesses. The winner goes on to state competition.

VIOLENCE PROTECTION

The Clerk's Violence Protection Advocate division provides assistance to victims of domestic and repeat violence. They help victims by explaining the procedures involved in filing a petition, processing the temporary injunction, attending the hearing for final injunction and requesting modifications, reporting violations of repeat violence and assisting in the criminal prosecutions.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES

The Historical Resources division is responsible for the management of the Manatee Historical Village Park, Historical Records Library, the Palmetto Carnegie Library and Historical Park, the Agriculture Museum and the Florida Gulf Coast Maritime Museum at Cortez. Visitors to the Manatee Historical

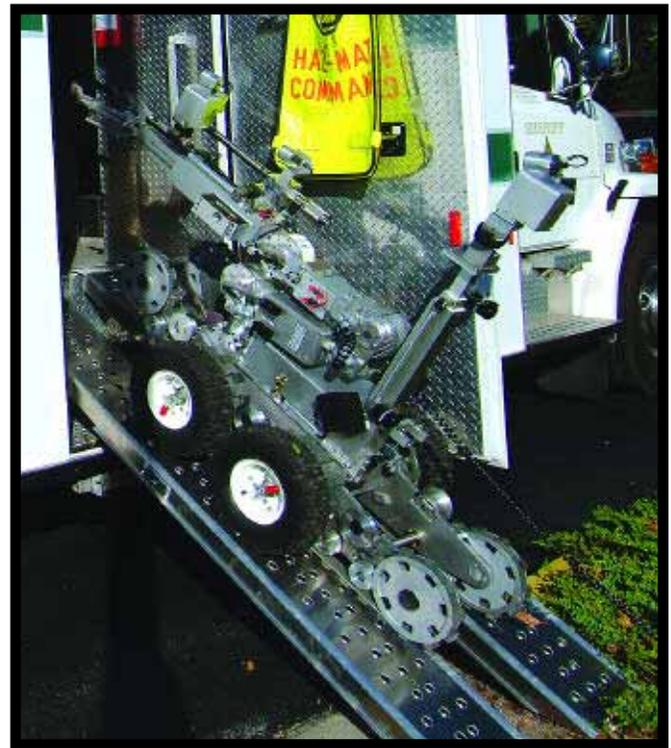


Village Park experience the lifestyles of pioneer families. The park includes the first county courthouse, a sugar cane mill, a pioneer farm, a boat works, a schoolhouse, a steam train, a blacksmith shop and a church as well as the Wiggins General Store. Many of the structures have been moved to the park and carefully maintained or restored as closely as possible to their original state.

Built in 1918, the Carnegie Library served as Bradenton's public library until 1978. To preserve the early records of Manatee County and to make them available to historians and genealogists, it was re-opened in 1979 by the Clerk as the Historical Records Library. It was the first archival library of its kind in Florida. Deed books, marriage licenses, probate files and county commission records, as well as court minute books, are archived there.

The Palmetto Carnegie Library holds the histories of many families and businesses. Several restored buildings surround the Carnegie Library and together make up Palmetto Heritage Park.

Both Carnegie Libraries, in Bradenton and Palmetto, were required by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation to have a basement, unusual for most structures in Florida. It is also rare to have two Carnegie libraries so close to each other. It is believed the grants were given because both communities were thriving in the early part of the century. However, without a connecting bridge, the two cities remained isolated and each required its own library.



The Manatee County Museum of Agriculture highlights the important role agriculture has played in our community. At the museum, visitors can explore the past through photographs, machinery, exhibits, slides and video presentations.

The Florida Gulf Coast Maritime Museum at Cortez will be housed in the 1912 Cortez Schoolhouse, once restoration of the historic building is fully complete. The museum will be dedicated to the gathering, preservation and interpretation of the Florida Gulf Coast Maritime Heritage, with special emphasis on the historic fishing village of Cortez as a traditional maritime community within the greater context of Florida's maritime history, in general and the natural world.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court also assists with the operation of Family Heritage House, an African-American history museum located on the grounds of Manatee Community College. Through the employment of a part-time staff person and provision of equipment and furnishings, the Clerk's Office helps local residents and visitors learn about the African-American achievements both in Florida and around the world.

Support Services

CLERK'S TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Clerk's Technology Services plans, assembles and maintains the information systems needed to support the duties of the Clerk of the Court in a timely, efficient manner. The department's director, analysts, programmers, technicians and support staff ensure that the Clerk's computer systems and software applications fulfill present needs, as well as plans for the future.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department consists of a director and assistant who are responsible for maintaining approximately 290 employment records. They accept and process all employment applications, which can now be downloaded off the Clerk's web site of www.ManateeClerk.com. The HR Department also administers policies, programs and benefit packages, looking for new approaches and innovative practices in all areas of HR management to help develop the Clerk's employees' full potential for serving the citizens of Manatee County.

TRAINING

The Clerk operates an in-house training division whose primary goal is to train employees on all Clerk's Office applications and programs.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT		
	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 10,815,017	\$ 15,802,764
Expenditures	10,009,775	15,050,151

OTHER

Constitutional Officers

PROPERTY APPRAISER

CHARLES E. HACKNEY

- Annually appraises real and tangible personal property in Manatee County
- Maintains current property ownership records for assessment purposes
- Maintains the county section maps and aerial photos
- Administers all property tax exemptions
- Produces the ad valorem tax roll annually
- Provides data updates at: www.Manateepao.com

PROPERTY APPRAISER

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 3,517,950	\$ 3,380,426
Expenditures	3,425,276	3,252,815

SHERIFF

CHARLIE B. WELLS

- Provides law enforcement services to Manatee County
- Responsible for all county inmate care, custody and control
- Responsible for contracted care, custody and control of detainees for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Responsible for care, custody and control of juveniles sentenced by Courts to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice programs, i.e., Boot Camp, Youth Academy and Omega (maximum security for juvenile offenders from across the state)
- Provides countywide, specialized explosive response capability
- Conducts education programs at the jail (LIFE-Leading Inmates to Future Employment) to train inmates in a trade to enhance their return to society after their release from jail, i.e., carpentry, culinary arts, diesel engine repair, meat processing, horticulture, video production, welding, GED classes, auto body repair/paint, hydroponics, aquaculture (fish farming), custom garment and sewing, mattress production and grist mill operation
- Provides support (22 deputies) to the Manatee County School System through the School Resource Officer program
- Provides Special Team Support (Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Dive team, Marine, Aviation, Mounted Patrol, CERT/TACT) as requested to city law enforcement jurisdictions
- Contracts with DCF to provide child protection services
- Operates an accredited corrections officer training academy
- For additional information visit: www.ManateeSheriff.com

SHERIFF

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 88,690,685	\$ 80,005,074
Expenditures	86,528,445	78,059,293

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

ROBERT "BOB" SWEAT

- Registers voters and maintains accurate voter registration files
- Educates voters
- Expanded website: www.votemanatee.com
- Conducts elections
- Uses the Accu-Vote 2000, state certified optical scan voting system
- Provides disability compliant voting equipment beginning with 2006 elections
- Registered voters in 2005: 192,615
- Eligible voters in the 2005 general election: 191,635
- Eligible voters in the 2005 primary: 185,164

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 1,764,396	\$ 1,712,453
Expenditures	1,483,951	1,568,298

TAX COLLECTOR

KEN BURTON, JR.

- Collects ad valorem taxes
- Registers motor vehicles and vessels
- Registers and titles mobile homes
- Issues disabled parking permits
- Issues hunting and fishing licenses
- Limited driver's license renewals at the DeSoto, Downtown and Palmetto offices
- \$3.61 million in excess fees returned to the County
- www.taxcollector.com
 - Renew vehicle, vessel or mobile home registrations
 - Pay property taxes
 - Obtain hunting and fishing licenses

TAX COLLECTOR

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 6,583,997	\$ 5,937,690
Expenditures	6,134,739	5,815,035

Board of County Commissioners

RON GETMAN, *Chairman*

Gwendolyn Brown Patricia M. Glass Donna Hayes Joe McClash Amy Stein Jane von Habmann

The Board of County Commissioners governs Manatee County. It has seven members: one elected from each of five districts and two elected at-large for alternating four-year terms. The members select their chairman and vice-chairman for one-year terms.

Board meetings are held Tuesday at 9 a.m. and are open to the public. The commissioners also sit as the Manatee County Port Authority and Civic Center Authority, and elect officers separately for those entities.

The board makes policy decisions, which are implemented by an appointed county administrator who directs the activities of county employees. Ernie Padgett has served as county administrator since April 1995.

The Board of County Commissioners budgets and provides funding for the various county departments and the operations of the constitutional officers. Fees collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller and the Tax Collector provide partial funding for the budgets of those offices.



COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

General Government

Operations

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of County Commissioners appoints the county administrator. The administrator has executive powers and carries out the policy decisions of the commissioners. Under the administrator's direction, county departments and offices provide Manatee County residents with services, information and programs. In addition to the lands management function being located in the Administrator's office, the intergovernmental relations function has recently been added.

ADMINISTRATION

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 1,730,715	\$ 1,677,206
Expenditures	1,704,728	1,633,323

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The department provides educational programs and services related to agriculture, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer education, marine science and resources and urban horticulture.

Agriculture contributes approximately \$500 million to the annual economy of Manatee County. Approximately 50% of the land in Manatee County is being used for farmland including crops, pasture land and reforestation. The County ranks in the top ten among Florida's 67 counties in agricultural sales, producing approximately 40% of the tomatoes grown in Florida, which in turn produces over 70% of all fresh market tomatoes grown in the United States. The annual value of tomato production is \$200 million. Manatee County also ranks in the top ten counties in the state in other produce including cucumbers, cabbage, watermelons and potatoes.

Ornamental horticulture and related operations generate \$166 million for the County while livestock operations add approximately \$40 million. Forestry, citrus and commercial fishing combine for an additional \$35 million.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 1,362,604	\$ 1,292,185
Expenditures	1,312,033	1,212,419

BUILDING

The Building Department monitors and regulates construction to protect public health and safety. The department reviews building permit applications and accompanying documents for consistency with all applicable codes. It licenses contractors and disciplines those who violate building laws. The department imposes penalties on non-licensed activity, maintains the 100-year flood plan and conducts building inspections.

BUILDING

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 5,869,857	\$ 5,363,789
Expenditures	5,336,230	4,990,567

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services personnel identify, assemble and provide, both directly and via agency contract, an array of social services, resources and programs designed to meet the needs of Manatee County's youth, elders, and socially and economically disadvantaged citizens.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION administers more than \$20.1 million in funds to a variety of not-for-profit agencies and community based services. They also administer \$2.1 million in grant revenues.

COMMUNICATIONS is responsible for administering the cable franchise ordinances, and publishes an annual report and "Focus," a newsletter for county citizens.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT administers the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) and the federal HOME investment partnership program entitlement with \$2.1 million of expenditures in fiscal year 2005. The housing division works cooperatively with the private sector to leverage available public sector funding.

PROBATION supervises misdemeanor cases and provides assistance to the Manatee County criminal justice system through a variety of other services.

VETERAN SERVICES assists the county's military veterans and their dependents with health and other benefits claims as well as outpatient treatment transportation.

MGA is the County's government access television station, broadcasting programs regarding legislative and policy actions of county and state governments.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 4,008,755	\$ 3,760,123
Expenditures	3,697,931	3,403,164

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

The Convention and Visitors Bureau promotes, nationally and internationally, Manatee County as a destination for business and leisure travel. It also oversees the Manatee County Convention & Civic Center and the Powel Crosley Museum.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 2,358,213	\$ 1,997,170
Expenditures	2,090,765	1,610,813

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney's Office functions as an in-house law firm with a staff of lawyers, providing legal advice and trial representation to the Board of County Commissioners, its departments and offices. Its Risk Management Division works to reduce the County's exposure to liability, enhance the safety of County employees and the public and functions as an in-house insurance operation under the County's Self-Insurance Ordinance. The County Attorney reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 2,118,761	\$ 2,006,111
Expenditures	2,001,535	1,829,777

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Environmental Management Department strives to meet its mission of "managing our environmental resources for the demands of the present while anticipating the needs of tomorrow" through a wide variety of programs aimed at protecting air and water quality and ensuring that earthmoving and mining activities meet all applicable rules and codes.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 2,129,948	\$ 3,048,492
Expenditures	1,797,855	2,413,101

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

This department plans and manages improvement and construction projects involving county buildings. It also provides for routine repair, maintenance and custodial services for county buildings and facilities.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 7,774,329	\$ 8,034,328
Expenditures	5,907,897	6,130,312

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Financial Management Department develops, reviews and implements the county budget, capital improvements program and related county policies. The department works closely with county departments, the county administrator and the Board of County Commissioners in all areas of financial management. It provides procurement and courier services for county departments and other agencies.

The department is also responsible for billing and collection of fees for emergency medical transportation and internal service funds for self-insured medical employee health benefits, warehouse stores and fuel stores.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 1,865,413	\$ 1,698,462
Expenditures	1,686,032	1,553,506

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department recruits and screens all candidates for county employment. It coordinates countywide programs that inform, educate, motivate and recognize the achievements of the county's employees, and also maintains personnel records and is responsible for retirement planning.

HUMAN RESOURCES		
	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 986,283	\$ 872,337
Expenditures	927,945	846,312

INFORMATION SERVICES

This department manages governmental services that includes three divisions. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY plans, manages and coordinates software, hardware and communications systems. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES is responsible for providing spatial analysis, spatial application development and cartographic support for the county. LIBRARY SERVICES manages six branch libraries and a Bookmobile in addition to the main library.

INFORMATION SERVICES		
	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 15,554,810	\$ 15,377,219
Expenditures	13,210,856	13,358,687

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation manages county parks, recreational areas, pools, beaches, racquetball and tennis courts, ballparks, playgrounds, picnic facilities and activity centers. Parks and Recreation schedules programs, lessons, trips and special events ranging from after school and summer camp programs to the Senior Olympics.

PARKS & RECREATION		
	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 14,393,337	\$ 12,240,662
Expenditures	11,493,202	10,615,123

PLANNING

The responsibility for the County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan lies with the Planning Department. The department implements the Land Development Code (zoning law), concurrency review and capital improvements programming. Planning also collects impact fees and reviews infrastructure construction drawings and administrative bonds. Planning administered \$1.5 million of Community Development Block Grants this year.

PLANNING		
	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 7,362,302	\$ 5,566,070
Expenditures	5,668,771	4,570,257

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project Management has three divisions. The PROJECT MANAGEMENT DIVISION is responsible for coordinating capital improvement projects and reviews utility construction drawings, performs survey and design of utility projects, maintains utility records and performs locate services for the utility system. The INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTIONS DIVISION inspects the installation of county infrastructure, including roads and utilities. The FISCAL DIVISION processes all expenditures associated with the capital improvement program and the department's operations.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT		
	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 1,157,780	\$ 1,171,384
Expenditures	1,185,526	1,020,862

PUBLIC SAFETY

This department, with a mission of "proudly servicing our community with compassion, honor and commitment," has six divisions. ANIMAL CONTROL enforces the animal control ordinances and statutes, shelters impounded animals and promotes responsible pet ownership, adoptions and reduction of pet overpopulation. CODE ENFORCEMENT ensures compliance with the county's Land Development Code and ordinances. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER is responsible for receiving 911 emergency calls, other calls and dispatching the appropriate resources. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT plans for, responds to and assists in the recovery from and mitigates the impact of natural and man-made disasters. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES provides the citizens of Manatee County with full time emergency medical technicians and paramedic staff and

around-the-clock advanced life-support medical services. MARINE RESCUE DIVISION is responsible for protecting the safety of residents and visitors enjoying Manatee County's beaches.

PUBLIC SAFETY

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 18,414,758	\$ 16,899,530
Expenditures	17,286,105	15,258,787

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

The Transportation Department is comprised of four governmental divisions:

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT installs and maintains traffic signs, streetlights and traffic signals, stripes roadway pavement, conducts traffic studies and gathers and assembles traffic statistics.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE is responsible for maintaining, repairing and improving roadways and rights-of-way. This includes grading and sweeping roadways, mowing roadside grasses and removing debris from Manatee County highways. In addition, sidewalks, curbs, culverts, catch basins and roadside drainage require continual repair, clearing and improvement.

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING includes engineering, CAD operation, surveying, design, plan review and permitting. The division issues access, drainage and rights-of-way use permits for those wishing to install or work in county rights-of-way. Services also include road and bridge inspections and recommendations for their improvement or replacement.

LAND ACQUISITION manages and acquires real property for road improvements, drainage, storm-water and utility projects as regulated by Florida law. Support is provided through research of public records and verification of property ownership.

TRANSPORTATION

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 18,704,194	\$ 16,442,616
Expenditures	15,483,641	14,246,214

The Transportation Department also has two proprietary operations:

The **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION** is responsible for the maintenance of canals, and numerous off-road pipes and their associated structures. This includes cleaning, restoration, mitigation and capital construction. The division conducts flood plain studies and prepares flood plain maps adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

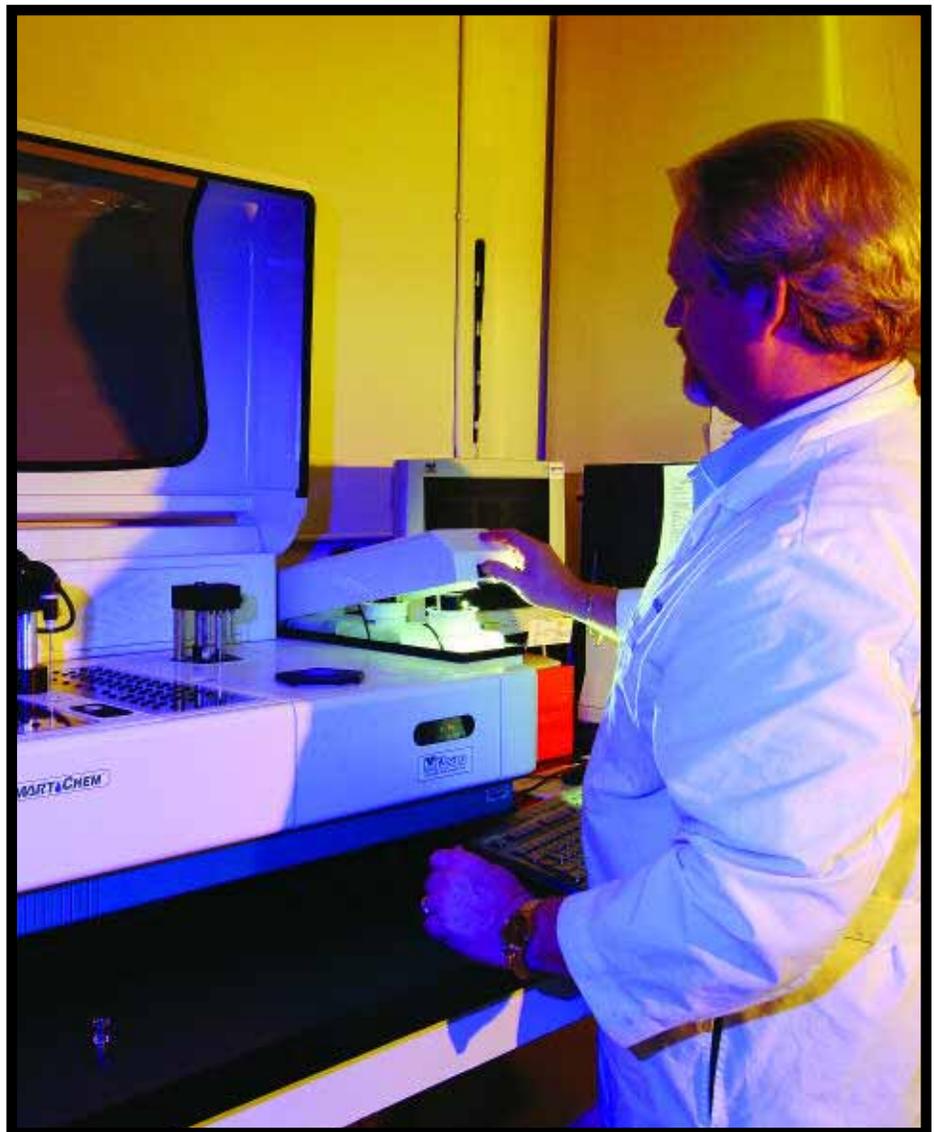
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION is an internal service division that furnishes a fleet management program for all commission departments. It operates three repair service facilities. The staff of 31 maintains approximately 1,288 small and large vehicles.

BCC COURT FUNDING

The Board of County Commissioners funds various costs to assist in the support of the state court system in addition to those costs expended by the Clerk of Circuit Court, including court costs, court administration costs, Public Defender and State Attorney costs.

BCC COURT FUNDING

	2005	2004
Budget	\$ 1,520,983	\$ 4,007,160
Actual	1,253,324	3,364,041



Proprietary Operations

PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEM

The County provides public utility services through various operational and fiscal management divisions under a number of county departments. In 1991, the County combined its existing Water and Wastewater Systems, Solid Waste System and Stormwater Management System into one public utility.

The UTILITIES OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT operates the County's water and wastewater facilities and distribution and collection systems. The Water Division operates, maintains and monitors the County's drinking water supply drawn from the Lake Manatee Reservoir and the East County Wellfield at Duette Park. The Wastewater Division has three regional treatment plants that process wastewater into effluent usable for urban and agricultural irrigation. The department also provides for the planning, design, operation and maintenance of the Lena Road Landfill through the Solid Waste Division. The landfill operation handles approximately 1,400 tons of solid waste per day at the landfill.

The TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT through the Stormwater Division maintains and ensures the flood carrying capacity of the stormwater drainage system and develops and implements the Stormwater Management Plan.

The FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT manages the Utilities Customer Service Division which provides meter reading, billing and collection services for water, wastewater and solid waste customers. The division also coordinates the County's recycling program and operates the scalehouse at Lena Road Landfill. The countywide recycling program reaches approximately 122,652 single and multi-family residential households.

The INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT develops and maintains a digital base of geo-referenced information about the County's public utilities infrastructure and produces graphic display of the information.

The PROJECT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT provides engineering services for utilities projects and reviews development construction plans. The department also provides survey, locations and records support services for the Utilities System.

The AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT administers the water conservation education program for the County Utilities System.

The Utilities System's capacity to pay the principal and interest due on its bonds is referred to as "revenue bond coverage." Although the system is required to maintain revenue bond coverage of 115%, fiscal year 2005's coverage was 241%.

PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEM	2005	2004
Operating revenues and interest income	\$ 112,574,300	\$ 101,601,357
Grants and contributions	29,799,248	29,781,084
Total expenses	(89,042,407)	(85,690,874)
Excess of revenues over expenses	53,331,141	45,691,567
Transfers from Unincorporated Services and Transportation Funds	1,739,749	1,590,237
Transfers to General Fund	(3,879,829)	(4,175,171)
Depreciation	(16,913,115)	(16,151,346)
Net after depreciation	34,277,946	26,955,287

CONVENTION CENTER

The Manatee County Convention Center provides meeting space for major trade shows, sporting events, exhibitions, conferences and private parties. The Powel Crosley Museum provides conference space and an indoor or outdoor venue for both public and private events.

Both the Convention Center and the Powel Crosley Museum are managed by the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

CONVENTION CENTER	2005	2004
Operating revenues and interest income	\$ 1,226,139	\$ 1,102,610
Grants and contributions	–	801
Total expenses	(1,940,845)	(1,812,885)
Excess of expenses over revenues	(714,706)	(709,474)
Subsidy from Tourist Development and General Funds	691,659	643,131
Depreciation	(368,178)	(394,261)
Net after depreciation	(391,225)	(460,604)

GOLF COURSES

The PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT manages the county's two golf courses: Manatee County and Buffalo Creek. Each course is an 18-hole facility, which operates as separate and distinct proprietary enterprises. The courses provide residents and visitors with year-round access to golf, clubhouse and pro-shop facilities. Activities include tournaments and special hosted events.

GOLF COURSES	MANATEE COUNTY		BUFFALO CREEK	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Operating revenues and interest income	\$ 1,981,668	\$ 1,751,276	\$ 1,612,538	\$ 1,430,007
Total expenses	(1,757,179)	(1,626,782)	(1,627,853)	(1,500,491)
Excess of revenues over(under) expenses	224,489	124,494	(15,315)	(70,484)
Depreciation	(195,441)	(165,395)	(207,956)	(200,015)
Transfer between golf courses	(231,511)	(343,352)	231,511	343,352
Net after depreciation	(202,463)	(384,253)	8,240	72,853

TRANSIT SYSTEM

The COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT oversees the operation of the TRANSIT SYSTEM. This proprietary operation serves the general public with bus transport and provides prioritized trips for social service agencies as well as door-to-door transport services for the elderly, disabled and other eligible passengers on an advanced reservation basis.

TRANSIT SYSTEM	2005	2004
Operating revenues and interest income	\$ 1,838,077	\$ 1,768,231
Grants and contributions	3,236,792	4,765,916
Total expenses	(7,792,858)	(7,118,839)
Excess of expenses over revenues	(2,717,989)	(584,692)
Subsidy from Transportation Fund	3,775,969	3,170,391
Depreciation	(766,563)	(723,935)
Net after depreciation	291,417	1,861,764

PORT MANATEE

Port Manatee is the fourth largest of Florida's 14 deepwater seaports. As the major shipping gateway to our community, the Manatee County Port Authority manages the 1,100-acre facility, which is home to the importing and exporting of many agricultural and industrial products. It hosts shipments of orange juice and other citrus juices and beverages, forestry products, bananas, melons, aluminum, steel, paper products, linerboard, wood pulp, petroleum products, construction-grade aggregate, cement and fertilizer.

During 2005, the Port began the construction of a new access control center, which will provide enhanced security for the ports facilities, its customers and visitors. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is nearing completion of Phase II of a major dredging project. The new 1,300-foot turning basin creates a wider entrance to the Manatee Harbor Channel and gives improved access to the newly extended Berth 5, while the extension of the South Channel will provide deep-water access to Berth 12.

The Port Authority has an outstanding loan payable and outstanding revenue bonds payable. Their bonds are payable solely from and are secured solely by pledged revenues, primarily net operating revenues, including state sales tax funds, investment income and certain other revenues. The Port Authority has committed in its bond authorization resolution to meet certain financial ratios during the time that bonds are outstanding. These covenants have been met.



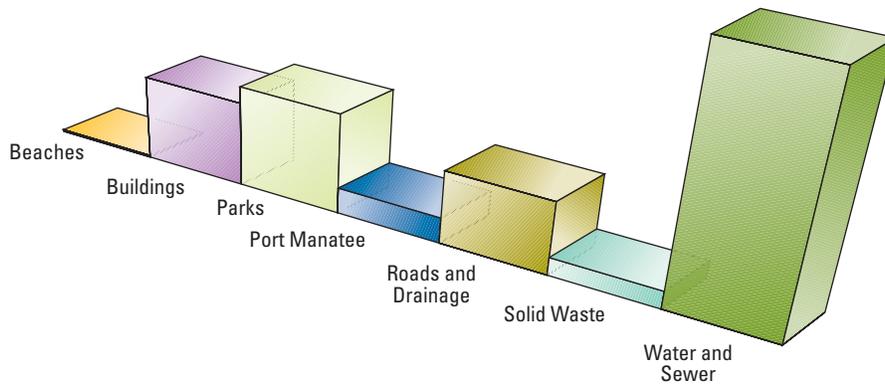
PORT MANATEE	2005	2004
Operating revenues and interest income	\$ 11,985,762	\$ 11,511,642
Grants and contributions	1,389,768	5,316,013
Total expenses	(9,339,296)	(8,595,926)
Excess of revenues over expenses	4,036,234	8,231,729
Transfer of sales tax revenue	446,500	446,500
Depreciation	(3,876,692)	(4,031,727)
Net after depreciation	606,042	4,646,502

Capital Project Expenditures

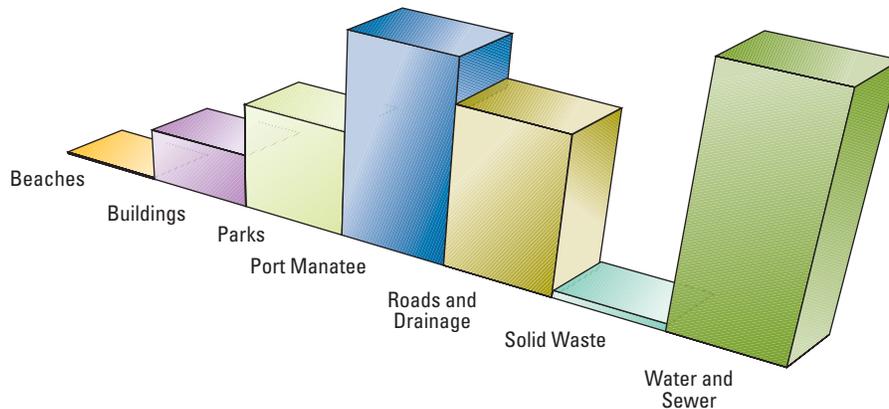
CAPITAL PROJECTS

	2005	2004
Beaches	\$ 296,890	\$ 65,424
Buildings	14,438,047	3,553,819
Parks	17,305,306	7,160,285
Port Manatee	4,452,179	13,695,098
Roads and drainage	12,628,369	10,759,984
Water and sewer	42,714,989	16,287,101
Solid waste	3,082,896	359,438
Total	\$ 94,918,676	\$ 51,881,149

2005 CAPITAL PROJECTS



2004 CAPITAL PROJECTS



Investment Policy

During fiscal year 2005, the County's investment portfolio ranged from \$549-662 million. Although most of this money is obligated to various projects, it is invested to provide interest income that is budgeted as a revenue source. The Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller invests this money according to a written investment policy approved by the Board.

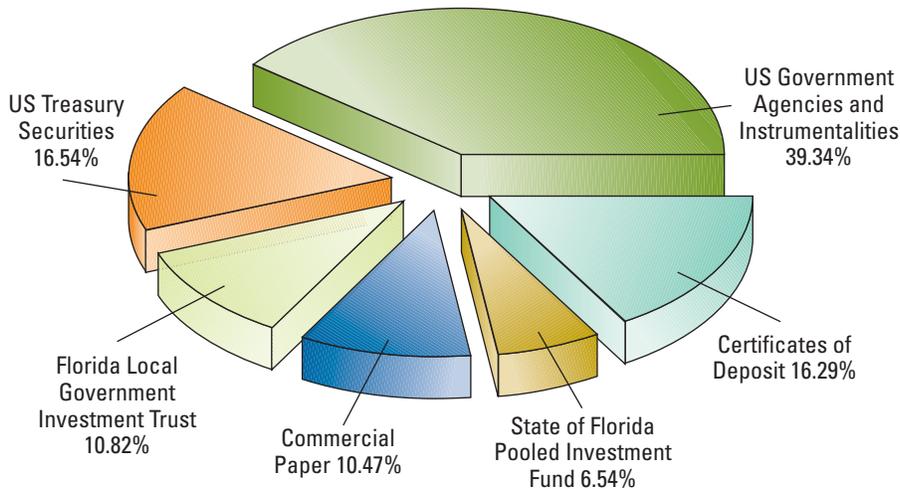
This policy dictates how the County's money, or portfolio, can be invested. The policy first assures that any investments are of a minimum risk. Although sometimes higher interest rates are bypassed to do this, the primary concern is to prevent any principal being lost through unsafe investments. The policy also assures liquidity, or that cash will be available as needed to pay any bills. The third criteria to be considered is yield or interest rate. If risk and liquidity are the same for different investments, the final selection will be based on the highest yield.

The Clerk invests frequently, diversifying the portfolio to generate the highest yield possible. During fiscal year 2005, the investments made by the Clerk earned an average of 2.22% and generated \$12.6 million in investment earnings. The chart below is a breakdown of the portfolio at fair value, by types of investments.

INVESTMENTS

State of Florida Pooled Investment Fund	\$ 38,127,797
Certificates of Deposit	95,000,000
Florida Local Government Investment Trust	63,095,590
Commercial Paper	61,099,549
US Treasury Securities	96,491,862
US Government Agencies and Instrumentalities	229,435,797
Total	\$ 583,250,595

MANATEE COUNTY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

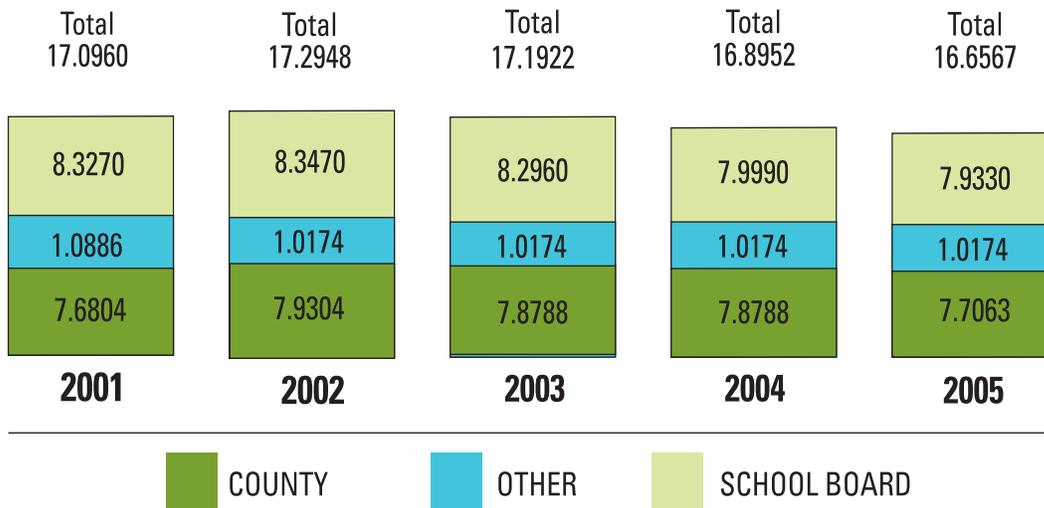


Other Financial Data

TOP TEN TAXPAYERS

Taxpayer	Assessed Value	Estimate of Tax Amount
1. Tropicana Manufacturing Company, Inc.	\$ 336,222,463	\$ 6,847,946
2. Florida Power and Light Company	300,018,955	5,283,272
3. Gulfstream Natural Gas System LLC	136,115,107	2,330,781
4. Verizon Florida, Inc.	128,812,060	2,297,529
5. Gulf Coast Factory Shops	71,828,830	1,271,582
6. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	64,800,051	1,266,141
7. Bright House Networks	54,099,825	989,100
8. Benderson	47,318,228	978,193
9. Merion Management, Inc.	47,375,796	961,343
10. Manatee Memorial Hospital	44,736,896	946,015
Totals	\$1,231,328,211	\$23,171,902

PROPERTY TAX RATES



ASSESSED VALUES

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value	Tax Collections
1996	\$ 9,704,554,081	\$ 74,307,947
1997	10,253,443,444	77,752,084
1998	10,990,016,975	82,186,616
1999	11,693,203,301	87,842,649
2000	12,846,983,471	93,361,597
2001	14,360,326,015	100,798,462
2002	16,271,403,564	112,834,196
2003	18,583,896,787	131,503,200
2004	21,125,249,153	149,270,791
2005	24,731,614,724	170,681,740

How to Contact Manatee County Government

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The County Courthouse
1115 Manatee Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.ManateeClerk.com
(941) 749-1800

Other Clerk Services Locations:

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

The Professional Building
1023 Manatee Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

CHILD SUPPORT

Enforcement Hearings
1017 Manatee Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

DRUG COURT

Enforcement Hearings
920 Manatee Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

518 13th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

HISTORICAL RECORDS LIBRARY

(Carnegie Library)
1405 Fourth Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

MANATEE VILLAGE HISTORICAL PARK

1404 Manatee Ave. East
Bradenton, Florida 34208

PALMETTO CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Palmetto Historical Park
515 Tenth Ave. West
Palmetto, Florida 34221

FLORIDA GULF COAST MARITIME

MUSEUM AT CORTEZ

4415 119th Street West
Cortez, Florida 34215

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Administrative Center
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.co.manatee.fl.us
(941) 748-4501

PROPERTY APPRAISER

915 Fourth Ave. West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.manateepao.com
(941) 748-8208

SHERIFF

515 11th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.manateesheriff.com
(941) 747-3011

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

305 15th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.votemanatee.com
(941) 741-3823

TAX COLLECTOR

415 Tenth Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
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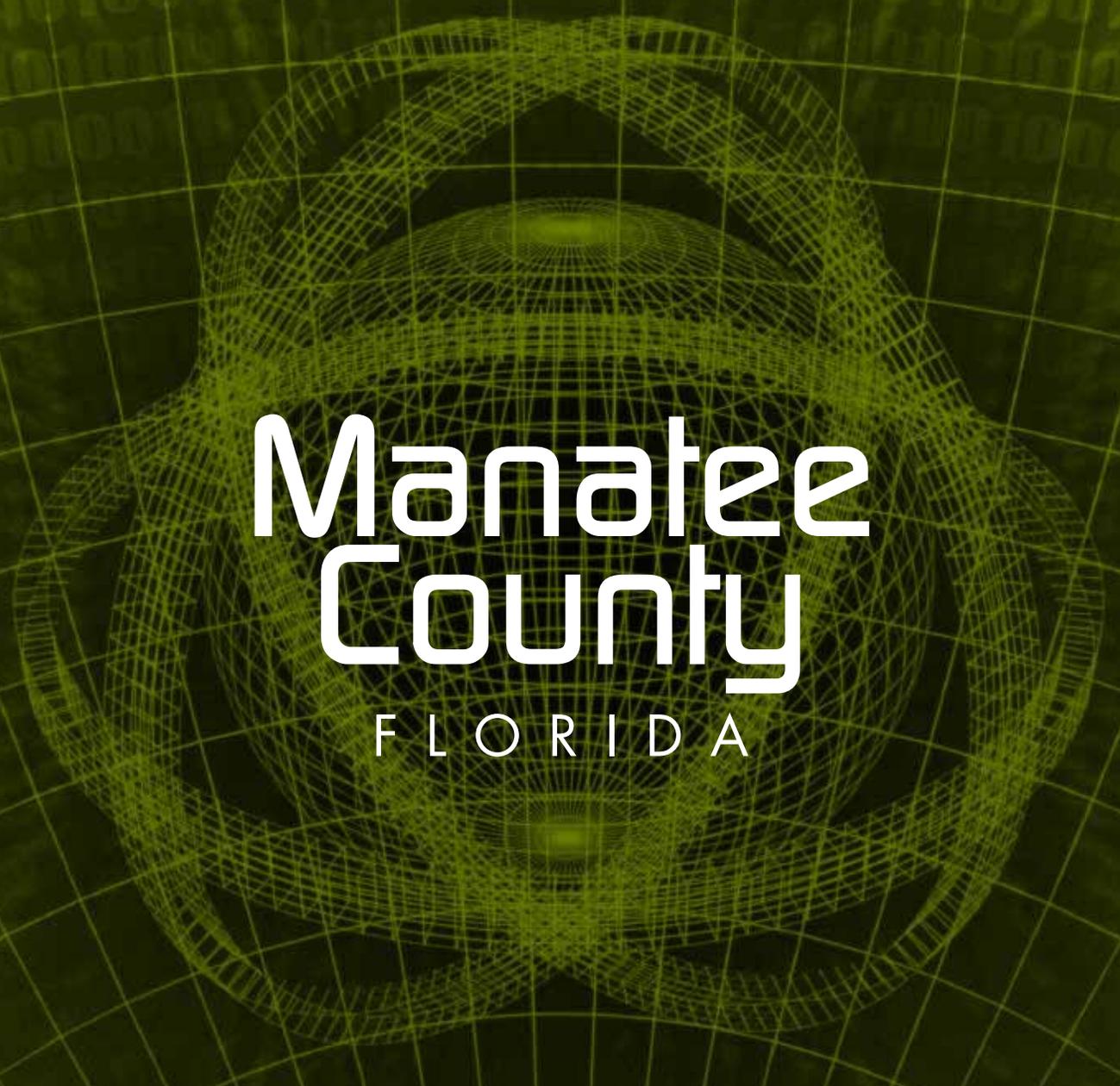
Other Tax Collector Services Locations:

DeSoto Branch
819 301 Boulevard West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Lakewood Ranch
6007 111th Street East
Bradenton, Florida 34202

Palmetto Branch
1341 Tenth Street East
Palmetto, Florida 34221

Palma Sola Branch
7411 Manatee West Suite B
Bradenton, Florida 34209



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