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MEMORANDUM

To: Larry Mau, Director of the Transportation Department

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

Date: March 27, 2003

Subject: Stormwater Division Follow-up Audit #1

The Internal Audit Department has completed the Stormwater Division Follow-up Audit #1 based on the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Audit Report issued on December 16, 1999. The follow-up consisted of reviewing the management action plans included in the audit report to ensure corrective actions have been implemented by the Stormwater Division's management.

We are pleased with management's proactive response to current flooding dilemmas and their increased maintenance activities in drainage basins of the county. The Board of County Commissioners has and is continuing to seek professional advice on the feasibility of improving countywide drainage problems. While the Transportation Department received increased funding for maintenance activities, a comprehensive solution to flood control in Manatee County is a complex and expensive issue involving multiple jurisdictions including subdivisions and private landowners. Until a major funding source is approved, the Transportation Department will continue to work with other agencies and look for other funding opportunities that can assist with the Stormwater Division's responsibilities on an as-needed basis.

Management has addressed all of the areas where improvements were recommended; however, one area still requires management's attention. During your meeting of February 10, 2003, you, together with the Internal Audit Department staff, agreed on the following action plan:

1. Maintenance activity records of the Stormwater Management Division are not automated. As a result, no database exists which integrates the maintenance activity records of all the sections to reflect the work performed by the Division.

Management Action Plan: The Transportation Department will continue with the automation of all its divisions' work activity records. Implementation has already commenced with the Highway Division, with the Stormwater Division scheduled to be completed within two years.

We would like to thank you and your staff for the attention given to the audit findings and the cooperation given to the Internal Audit staff. Another follow-up audit will be scheduled after the implementation of the Management Action Plan.

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CC: Board of County Commissioners
Ernie Padgett, County Administrator
Sia Mollanazar, Stormwater Management Division Manager