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To: Sia Mollanazar, Stormwater Management Division Manager

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

Date: September 13, 2007

Subject: Stormwater Management Division Follow-up Audit #2

The Internal Audit Department has completed a follow-up audit based on the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Audit Report issued on December 16, 1999 and the Follow-up Audit #1 memorandum issued October 25, 2002. The follow-up consisted of reviewing the Division's management action plans included in the follow-up audit report to ensure corrective actions have been implemented.

We commend the Stormwater Management Division for the effective improvement in the areas identified in the original audit. The Stormwater Management Division has effectively implemented a new system to electronically track and report the work performed by the Division. All work orders are now automated and the new Hansen software system has the ability to track the costs of all work performed.

While Management has improved their current operations, the Stormwater Management Division continues to lack a funding source to meet its overall mission. The goals of an effective countywide stormwater management program that proactively limits flooding and reduces pollutants in stormwater runoff are complex and probably not achievable without substantial commitment to capital improvements. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has expressed a desire to achieve this goal through Ordinance 91-25 and the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan. To-date, the Board of County Commissioners has not approved a specific funding mechanism. As a result, the Stormwater Management Division has not been able to accomplish certain mandates of the Ordinance and the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan.

Based on the limited funding currently provided for countywide stormwater management, we find that the Stormwater Management Division has established good accountability over the Division's operations. Another follow-up audit will not be necessary at the current level of service provided by the Division.

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.

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cc: Board of County Commissioners
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