Manatee County, Florida

POPULAR REPORT

A FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR ITS CITIZENS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Welcome Sign for the Anna Maria City Pier with Fast Eddie’s Oyster Bar, 1982
Advertising signs for the Anna Maria City Pier and Fast Eddie’s Oyster Bar. The signs read “Welcome to Historic Anna Maria City Pier, since 1910”, “Fast Eddie’s Oyster Bar, Food and Drink”; and “Breakfast on the Pier 7 to 11 AM.” Fast Eddie’s had a restaurant on the pier as well as a larger restaurant across the street from the pier.
Today: The pier and building were rebuilt after Hurricane Irma. A popular place for tourists and locals alike, the small restaurant and popular fishing spot are big attractions. Mote Marine is building an interactive exhibit in a portion of the building as well. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.

Pete Reynard’s Yacht Club, 1988
Located at the former Holmes Beach Yacht Club, in 1954 this location opened to the public as a restaurant and lounge under the ownership of Pete and Eleanor Reynard. A kitchen fire in 1965 almost destroyed the restaurant. They rebuilt the original revolving salad bar, main dining room, and the private “Mermaid” room where filmed mermaids swam in a tank. They also added a new addition, The Compass Room, which revolved so that each diner got a window seat looking at the yachts during the course of the meal. The old Pete Reynard’s Yacht Club building was demolished on August 1, 2002.
Today: the Waterline Villas and Marina occupy the site of the former Pete Reynard’s Yacht Club. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
If there is one thing that is constant, it is change. Science tells us that the barrier islands along our coast formed about 4,000 years ago. Since that time, they have been constantly shifting, changing, and evolving. The barrier islands of our coast are in constant flux. These changes come from forces of nature like hurricanes, no-name storms, and king tides. They also come from waterfront inhabitants. The Calusa and Tocobaga left behind shell mounds. Cuban fishermen constructed ranchos.

Pioneer settlers, like George Emerson Bean, created homesteads with cabins and wells beginning in 1893. Bean’s son, Will Bean, together with investor Charles M. Roser, planned and built streets, sidewalks and a water system. They also built a pier at the end of Pine Avenue on Anna Maria Island, which would welcome day-trippers via steam boats to the newly constructed bath house directly east on the Gulf-side beach. Other land-boom developers would soon follow in the 1920s. They constructed more bathhouses, diving platforms, and piers for public enjoyment. Eventually wooden bridges connected the barrier islands of Anna Maria and Long Beach, as Longboat Key was formerly known, to the mainland. During World War II, pilots from McDill Air Force Base used Mullet Key, Passage Key, and parts of Longboat Key for target practice. In the post-war era, motels and mobile home parks welcomed snowbirds. Modern draw-span bridges would arrive in the 1950s, as did new restaurants and entertainment venues, and shopping centers. Anna Maria Island was even used as a filming site for the movie industry. The 1960s brought surf culture, hurricanes Alma and Donna, tidal waves that eroded the beaches, and efforts to mitigate the erosion by placing rock bulwarks along the shore. In the 1990s, more advanced beach nourishment efforts would again shift the coastline.

As you can see, each era of inhabitants affects the waterfront with the ways they use the water, the land, and the things they build. We can see the evidence in our stories, maps, structures, and especially in photographs. These records bear testament as each generation of “old-timers” recounts fondly what things were like with the statement, “I remember when…” We hope you will enjoy these images of our waterfront Then and Now.

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Collected in excess of $27 million in child support for the children of Manatee County.

The Violence Protection division aided in the filing of 913 injunctions for protection, commonly referred to as “restraining orders,” for victims of domestic, repeat, sexual, stalking and dating violence during the past fiscal year.

The Department of Financial Recovery (DFR) collects fines and court costs legally owed this fiscal year. Since its inception in July, 2004, the DFR has collected in excess of $15.1 million in fines and courts costs which may have gone uncollected.

Since January, 2008, our Indigence Examiners have collected a cumulative total of over $1.7 million. These monies previously went uncollected until responsibility was given to the Clerk.

243 children ages 10 to 17 participated in Teen Court and Teen Court Too and contributed over 3,383 community service hours to the community. Additionally, 97 youth volunteers donated over 2,198 hours of volunteer time to the community.

306 Manatee County students participated in the on-site educational programs offered at the Manatee Village Historical Park, the Florida Maritime Museum, the Palmetto Historical Park and the Manatee County Agricultural Museum. Historical Resources staff served 9,638 visitors in person and provided outreach programs to 6,560 people throughout 2021.

Volunteers at the Manatee Village Historical Park, Florida Maritime Museum, Palmetto Historical Park and Manatee County Agricultural Museum donated over 2,000 hours of community service.

Received our 42nd consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for our 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Received our 23rd consecutive GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for our 2020 Popular Report.

The Division of Inspector General issued 7 audit reports and 4 project reports. The Division also provided approximately 1,000 consulting and project hours in the form of assistance to other departments and agencies. In addition, the Division provided 240 hours in assistance to the external audit firm in performing the annual audit of the County’s financial statements, thereby reducing the cost of the audit services.

Kept minutes at 131 meetings and work sessions for 12 Boards or Committees.

 Bradenton Beach Casino from Diving Platform circa 1920-1929
Postcard image of Bradenton Beach Casino
Today: A tropical condominium stands in the area of the former Bradenton Beach Casino. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
A Message from Angelina “Angel” Colonneso
Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

I am pleased to share with you the 2021 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for Manatee County. This document will help you understand our county's financial performance and well-being for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 in a valuable, summarized format that every resident can use. Our stewardship of the county's investments, on behalf of our citizens is a responsibility we take very seriously.

With so much growth and change in our area, we thought it fitting to acknowledge the element of change in our theme for this year's report – Then and Now. Just as the currents of our waterways shape the coastlines in Manatee County, so the passage of time shapes the features of our communities. We hope you will enjoy taking a look at our waterfront communities through images of yesterday and today.

Growing up in Manatee County, so many of my memories are interwoven with time spent at the beach. I remember as a child my dad taking me out into the water as he picked me up when the large waves came toward us and he would jump with me in his arms. I think he loved it more than I did. I appreciate these moments even more as an adult with fond memories.

Most Sundays were spent on Anna Maria Island enjoying the beach, each other, picnics of hamburgers and hotdogs and sometimes fishing later in the day. I remember the painful spurs from the Australian Pines as we made our way to the beach – I almost feel that it was a rite of passage growing up in Manatee County to experience stepping on those painful spurs as a child. Digging little toes into the sand, I could feel the tickle of the colorful coquinas as they wriggled deeper into the sand. We would wade into the water with our nets and catch a small batch of shrimp to bring home. I can still taste the fresh shrimp straight from our gulf.

If we didn’t catch and cook the seafood ourselves, there were memorable restaurants to enjoy like Pete Reynard’s, with its famous mermaids and revolving dining room - or the unforgettable casual dining at Fast Eddie’s on the Anna Maria City Pier, with its slogan of “Warm Beer and Lousy Food.” Their distinct waterfront character echoes in the upscale and casual establishments that inhabit those locales today.

While Fourth of July fireworks now take place on the Manatee River, everyone used to make their way out to the south end of Coquina Beach to view them. There was nothing quite like hearing the seagulls and feeling the gulf breeze while waiting for it to get dark and for the show to begin.

The Island was always a part of my life even as I grew older – in high school who remembers going out to the beach with a bottle of “Sun In” or the surfers calling West Coast Surf Shop for the latest on the waves? Groups of friends would meet at the beach and return home blistered from the sun. Back then, we did not know how important sunscreen was! While so much has changed, what has grown in its place retains a uniqueness that can be found nowhere but our Manatee County waterfront communities.

Within the pages of this year’s Popular Annual Financial Report, we have provided an explanation of the County’s finances. Should you desire more information, the Finance Department of the Clerk of Circuit Court’s Office also produces the more detailed Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The ACFR meets stringent governmental accounting standards and is evaluated by rating agencies to assess Manatee County’s financial stability, leading to favorable interest and insurance rates.

It is also with great pleasure that I can announce that for the 42nd year, our 2020 ACFR received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. While the responsibility for the accuracy of the data lies with me, the recognition of receiving this prestigious award goes to our Finance Department. All five financial reports prepared by this office; this Popular Report, the Manatee County ACFR, the Port Manatee ACFR, the Manatee County Public Utilities System Annual Financial Report, and the Manatee County Annual Debt Report are available online at www.manateeclerk.com, or on CD. These reports are also available by contacting our Finance Department at (941) 749-1800, Ext. 6102. In addition this Popular Report and the Annual Debt Report are available in hard copy and available in many locations throughout the county, including this office and the public libraries.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Manatee County's financial strengths. If you have comments or suggestions on how we can improve our Popular Report, please contact my office at (941) 749-1800 or by visiting our website at www.manateeclerk.com.

Respectfully,

Angelina “Angel” Colonneso
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
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, 2020. 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 and Port 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.


Our Popular Report includes condensed information from its statement of net position 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 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.

Barge Regina Sinking, 1940
Spectators gather along the beach on Anna Maria Island to witness the sinking of the 300-foot long molasses barge “Regina.” She was a converted tanker, loaded with 350,000 gallons of molasses, when she was caught by stormy seas. Clayton Adams of Cortez and other local men worked to rescue the crew as the March night grew cold and the temperature dropped below 40 degrees F.

Today: This is a popular diving site, located only a few hundred yards offshore, near the Beach House restaurant. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
Manatee County is a non-charter county established under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida. The Board of County Commissioners is the legislative body for Manatee County and 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 board.

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, each governed by city councils elected by residents of the respective city:

- Anna Maria
- Bradenton
- Bradenton Beach
- Holmes Beach
- Longboat Key
- Palmetto

Cortez Bridge Toll Booth, 1970
Both Anna Maria Island bridges opened on Sunday, March 3, 1957 with much celebration in the island communities. A dedication was held at the island toll booth at 1:45 PM, and the next day a $0.15 toll went into effect. A carnival and dance party on Bridge Street lasted until midnight. Bradenton Beach used the old Cortez Bridge toll booth as the city jail for many years after tolls were discontinued.

Today: A mural stands in the area where the toll booth used to be, in the sideyard of the Holmes Beach Police Department. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.

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, prepared by the Department of Financial Management and presented to the commissioners for approval, 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 pre-audit 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.

- The County’s Utility System bonds have been assigned a AAA rating by Fitch and an Aa1 rating by Moody. These ratings indicate that the County is likely to meet its debt obligations with a low probability of default. As a result, the County will generally have a lower cost of borrowing funds for capital projects.
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.

Components of the County’s financial positions include:

- **Current and other assets** are assets that one can realistically expect to convert to cash, sell, or consume within one year.

- **Capital assets** include the County’s long-term investments in land, buildings, equipment, improvements, infrastructure, and construction in progress. These assets are used to provide services to the community and are not available for future spending.

- **Deferred outflows of resources** represent a consumption of net assets that relates to a future period.

- **Long-term liabilities** represent debt obligations that exceed more than one year. These include pension liability, compensated absences, other post-employment benefits, closure liability; as well as, bonds, notes, and loans payable that are used to finance large projects and equipment purchases.

- **Other liabilities** include debt obligations due within one year. These are also made up of the debt obligations similar to long-term debt, but also include accounts and claims payable, accrued payroll, unearned revenue, and deposits.

- **Deferred inflows of resources** represent an acquisition of net assets that pertains to a future period.

Total net position is comprised of three categories:

- **Net investment in capital assets** is the value of all of the County’s capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and any debt outstanding that is associated with their purchase or construction.

- **Restricted net position** are those assets that have a restriction placed on them, typically by third parties; unspent bond proceeds and related debt and funds set aside for the payment of debt are good examples of these asset types.

- **Unrestricted net position** makes up the last component of net position, representing the resources that are available to finance the County’s on-going operations.

Changes in net position over time are an indication of an improving or deteriorating financial position. Governmental activities’ net position increased by $143,035 and business-type activities had a $66,178 increase in total net position from September 30, 2020 to 2021, reflecting a positive and stable fiscal position for the County.

In the below graphs depicting the changes in net position for governmental activities, we can see the $48,449 increase in capital assets, net of depreciation and the $47,583 increase in investment in capital assets. These are mostly the result of:

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of donated public domain infrastructure, park improvements, transportation projects, and the land purchase for the Central County Complex. Both the $228,666 decrease in long-term liabilities and the $178,281 increase in deferred inflows of resources reflect the large changes related to pension.

The business-type activities of Manatee County show significant differences in various categories from the prior year’s amounts. The increase of $95,153 in capital assets is due to continuing increases by the utility system for capacity enlargement, bus purchases, and improvements at Port Manatee. The increase in net investment in capital assets of $52,356 is reflective of an increase in capital assets and less outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The $22,463 increase in unrestricted net position reflects positive balances from continued growth within the County in its tax base and charges for services that may be used to meet ongoing obligations.

The following comparative, government-wide Condensed Statement of Activities and related graphs present the revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Increasing revenues which outpace increased expenses suggests that Manatee County is continuing to experience an increase in overall growth, coupled with controlled spending. Components of these condensed statements include:

- **Program revenues** consist of charges for services, operating grants (grants for daily business activities), capital grants (grants for capital projects and assets) and contributions.
- **General revenues** consist of property taxes, other taxes, state revenue sharing, interest income, miscellaneous revenues and intergovernmental transfers.

Overall:
- Revenues increased by around $120 million in the current year and expenses increased $43 million over the prior year’s levels, compared to $23 million and $32 million increase in revenues and expenditures, respectively, between fiscal years 2020 and 2019.
- In the program revenue category, a $67 million increase in operating grants and contributions is related to the ongoing relief funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Expenses for governmental activities increased $29 million largely due to personal services and operating supplies related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic offset by a decrease in pension expense. The prior year also saw increased expenditure activity of $20 million due to additional Public Safety staff expenses and operating supplies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A decrease of $3 million in the current year and $2 million increase in the prior year are for business-type activity charges for services. Port Authority slightly offset the decrease in Water and Sewer charges for services, attributable to the Port Authority’s continuing increase in waterborne activity and Water and Sewer’s major reduction in consumption by wholesale customers.
Reflected in the spending, the County continues to be committed to providing basic governmental services and public safety expected by its citizens while dealing with the unplanned and unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The County continues to monitor its workforce in order to continue to provide high levels of customer service during the continued uncertainty. Spending for general government, public safety and utilities activities accounted for 70% of the expenses in the current year.

Bridge Street 1930 with young boy
Bridge Street in Bradenton Beach. This view was taken from the beach Bathhouse looking east toward the old wooden Cortez Bridge. A boy poses in shorts and automobiles are parked at left. Telephone poles line the road to the bridge.

Today: Looking east, Bridge Street flourishes with colorful shops and restaurants. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
General governmental funds are used to account for tax supported activities. The classifications 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 revenue of internal service funds and certain deferred revenues.

- **Government Fund Expenditures** include capital outlays for the acquisition of new assets, expenditures for the repayment of principal of long term debt, but exclude deferred expenses and annual depreciation and amortization charges.

### Revenues

**For fiscal year 2021:**
- Revenues in the general government funds increased by approximately $119.8 million from the prior fiscal year, with $77.3 million attributable to an increase in intergovernmental revenues, mainly from CARES Act and ARPA grants, as well as state revenue sharing distributions, and $18 million from an increase in ad valorem taxes due to increasing assessed property values.
- These increases were offset by a decrease in interest income of $7.6 million.

**For fiscal year 2020:**
- Revenues in the general government funds increased by approximately $20 million from the prior fiscal year, with $19 million attributable to an increase in ad valorem taxes due to increasing assessed property values and $11 million from an increase in intergovernmental revenues.

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**Percentage of Total Revenues:**
- Ad-valorem taxes: 42.6%
- Intergovernmental: 25.6%
- Licenses and permits: 8.4%
- Other taxes: 12.3%
- Contributions: 0.5%
- Interest income: 0.2%
- Miscellaneous: 1.1%
- Fines and forfeitures: 1.2%
- Charges for services: 8.2%
increase in intergovernmental revenues, mainly from federal transportation and CARES Act grants.
• These increases were offset by a decrease in interest income of $4.9 million and traffic infrastructure contributions by $3.7 million from the previous fiscal year.

Expenditures
For fiscal year 2021:
• Expenditures increased $96.7 million from the prior fiscal year. Economic environment expenditures increased $35.3 million largely due to COVID-19 grants distributed by Manatee County.
• The Capital Project increase of $23.4 million due to transportation projects and the Central County Complex project, and the $17.8 million increase in Public Safety expenditures is largely due to the COVID-19 impact on personal services and operating supplies.

During fiscal year 2020:
• Expenditures increased $38.2 million from the prior fiscal year. Capital project expenditures increased $18.2 million as there were major beach renourishment projects ongoing during fiscal year 2020 as well as the replacement of the Public Safety radio system.
• The General Government increase of $6.1 million and the $8.1 million increase in Public Safety expenditures is largely due to the COVID-19 impact on employee compensation and operating supplies.

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Expenditures as a percentage:
- General government: 18.4%
- Public safety: 36.5%
- Debt service: 2.6%
- Capital projects: 14.0%
- Intergovernmental: 1.1%
- Culture & recreation: 3.7%
- Human services: 7.0%
- Economic environment: 9.9%
- Transportation: 5.3%
- Physical environment: 1.5%
- Public safety: 36.5%
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
AND COMPTROLLER

The office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, an elected public trustee, was established by the Florida Constitution over 180 years ago. Responsible for nearly 1,000 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, and Port 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.

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 and Port Authority. Those duties include:

- Pre-auditing disbursements made on behalf of the County.
- Processing payroll for the Board, Supervisor of Elections and the Clerk.
- Managing the County’s investment portfolio.
- Maintaining the records and conducting annual physical inventories of capital assets for the Board, Clerk, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector.
- Preparing financial reports.

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

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. Official record documents are electronically scanned, indexed and made available on the Clerk’s website, www.ManateeClerk.com, upon being recorded.
Inspector General
The purpose of the Division of Inspector General is to provide independent and objective assurance and consulting engagements designed to add value and improve operations of Manatee County Government. As a service to management and the taxpayers of Manatee County, and in fulfilling the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s role as county auditor, the Division of Inspector General:

- Measures and evaluates the operational efficiency and effectiveness of various Manatee County departments and agencies.
- Evaluates internal controls as well as compliance with a complex environment of federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Reports to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the public on how well Manatee County departments comply with these rules.
- Provides consulting services to Manatee County departments that include independent analysis, review, and recommendations for new and continuing processes upon management’s request.

The Division of Inspector General is also staffed with Certified Fraud Examiners (CFEs) who can professionally investigate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, irregularities, employee misconduct, and other illegal acts within Manatee County Government’s operations. Employees reporting suspected wrongdoing are protected by the Whistle Blower’s Act from retaliation by management and other employees. Reporting can be done anonymously using the Division’s fraud hotline at (941) 742-5938, or by using an on-line fraud reporting form.

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 court’s 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.

Bradenton Beach Bath House, 1922
A group in front of the new bath house at Bradenton Beach. There are automobiles parked atop the sand at far left. This was located on the beach side of Bridge Street.

Today: Looking down Bridge Street to the west, towards the location of the former bath house. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Child Support Program
Child Support Program began operation under the Clerk in 1985, when collections were approximately $5,000 per month. That figure has grown to over $2 million per month. Staff attorneys represent the Department of Revenue in civil litigation involving paternity establishment, child support establishment, modification and enforcement.

This department handles cases in which the person owing support or the person due support 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 parents or caregivers who receive public assistance, Medicaid and/or food stamps for the child in their care. Parents or caregivers not receiving such assistance may request child support services free of charge.

Enforcement of Child Support orders for non-compliant parents can be done through several methods such as:

• Drivers’ license suspension
• Wage withholding
• Interception of Internal Revenue Service refunds, Reemployment Assistance benefits, lottery winnings and other income sources.

Court-ordered child support payments are processed through the State Disbursement Unit.

Teen Court & 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.

Violence Protection
The Clerk’s Violence Protection Advocate division provides assistance to victims of domestic, repeat, dating, stalking and sexual 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 injunctions and assisting in the criminal prosecutions.

Historical Resources
The Historical Resources Division is responsible for the management of some of our most important historical preservations:

• 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.

• The Manatee County Historical Records Library, the first archival library of its kind in Florida, was opened in 1979. It is housed in a 1918 Carnegie Library. Deed books, marriage licenses, probate files and County commission records, as well as court minute books, are archived there for use by historians and genealogists.

• At the Palmetto Historical Park, visitors experience life through the eyes of local pioneers. They can visit Palmetto’s first post office and library, do a lesson on the slates in the one-room schoolhouse, and even experience old-fashioned chores in the turn-of-the-century cottage. The park also features a military museum and a re-imagined chapel.

• The Manatee County Agricultural Museum 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 Maritime Museum is housed in the restored 1912 Cortez Schoolhouse. The museum is dedicated to the gathering, presentation and interpretation of Florida’s maritime heritage, with special emphasis on the historic fishing village of Cortez.

Public Access
The Public Access Department centralizes the everyday public records requests and provides access to the public for electronic records searches. They also review all electronically filed documents and perform necessary redactions of confidential information pursuant to Florida law. Public Access completed 6,392 phone, email, postal mail and walk-in record requests during fiscal year 2021.
SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services encompasses the following departments:

**Board Records** maintains the records of the official actions of 12 boards and committees in Manatee County, including the Board of County Commissioners. This includes taking minutes of the board meeting and keeping the official records, as well as files and exhibits of official actions. Board Records keeps electronic minute books, scans documents, and offers online verification of those minutes and documents, improving the online availability of the records to the public. The Board Records Department also takes on the role of administrator for the Value Adjustment Board and Tax Deed Sales.

**Clerk’s Technology Services** plans, assembles, secures, and maintains the information systems needed to support the duties of the Clerk of the Court in a timely and efficient manner. The department's Director of Technology Services, Deputy Director, administrators, analysts, programmers and technical support staff ensure that the Clerk's computer systems and software applications fulfill present and future need. TSD is also responsible for the storing of data and the oversight of records management tasks including records retention, as approved by law, for the entire Clerk’s office.

**Human Resources** Department is responsible for all typical human resource functions within the Clerk's Office. From recruiting new employees to training and supporting staff, HR maintains productive working relationships with Clerk employees, while also administering policies, programs and benefits 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.

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**OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS**

**PROPERTY APPRAISER • CHARLES E. HACKNEY**
- Annually appraises over 202,500 parcels, including 3,750 new homes added to the tax roll for 2021
- Annually appraises over 12,600 tangible personal property accounts
- Maintains current property ownership records for assessment purposes
- Maintains the county section maps and aerial photos
- Administers all property tax exemptions
- Analyzes and approves all new homestead applications, including over 9,850 in 2021
- Produces the ad valorem tax roll annually
- Provides data updates at: www.Manateepao.com

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**SHERIFF • RICK WELLS**
- Provides law enforcement services to Manatee County
- Responsible for all county inmate care, custody and control
- Provides bailiffs and security for court system
- Provides county-wide, specialized explosive response capability
- Conducts education programs at the jail, including GED Preparation and LIFE (Leading Inmates to Future Employment)
- Conducts the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Pod program at the jail
- Provides support 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, Special Response Team (SRT) as requested to city law enforcement jurisdictions
- Contracts with DCF to provide child protection services
- Provides sexual predator unit to monitor sexual offenders
- Maintains comprehensive emergency services unit to respond to natural disasters
- Supervises Road Gangs for county maintenance
- Operates juvenile booking facility
- Contracts with the City of Anna Maria for law enforcement services
- Provides drug drop boxes for secure disposal of prescription drugs
• Provides parking SAFEZONES for citizen’s internet transactions (i.e. Craigslist)
• Provides daily information to the public, including crime prevention tips and feature stories about the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office, through a variety of social media platforms including:
  • www.ManateeSheriff.com
  • Facebook.com/ManateeSheriff
  • Twitter.com/ManateeSheriff
  • Instagram.com/ManateeCountySheriff

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS • MICHAEL BENNETT
• Educates and registers voters and maintains accurate voter registration files
  • Registered voters as of September 30, 2021: 276,042
  • Eligible voters in the last general election (November 2020): 273,427
  • Eligible voters in the last primary election (August 2020): 262,517
• Conducts all national, state, local and special taxing district elections
• Uses the state certified optical scan voting system
• Equips all precincts with disability compliant voting equipment
• Provides electronic poll book at all precincts and early voting sites

TAX COLLECTOR • KEN BURTON, JR
• Collects ad valorem taxes and tourist taxes
• Registers and titles vehicles, boats and mobile homes
• Issues concealed weapon licenses, hunting and fishing licenses and disabled parking permits
• Provides Florida driver license services, including driving tests, and transfers of valid out-of-state driver licenses
• Pre-registers driver license customers to vote in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act
• Performs high speed remittance processing of utility bills for Manatee County Utilities, City of Bradenton, and City of Dunedin and assists in payment processing for EMS
• Returned $5.6 million in unused revenue to the County
• Various service links are available on www.taxcollector.com

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

VANESSA BAUGH, CHAIRMAN
REGGIE BELLAMY  GEORGE KRUSE  JAMES SATCHER
MISTY SERVIA  KEVIN VAN OSTENBRIDGE  CAROL WHITMORE

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 Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and are open to the public. The Commissioners also sit as the Manatee County Port Authority and elect officers separately for that entity.

The board makes policy decisions, which are implemented by an appointed county administrator who directs the activities of employees.

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 funding for the budgets of those offices.
ADMINISTRATION

The County Administrator is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to implement the Board’s policies, budget and programs. The Administrator oversees all county staff and departments and is responsible for managing county programs, facilities and services to residents. Public relations, intergovernmental relations, legislative affairs, long range planning, impact fees and the Citizen’s Action Center are managed through the County Administrator’s Office.

Like most of Florida, Manatee County experienced significant growth in 2021. While the pandemic has affected the lives of nearly all of our citizens, Manatee County has met the challenge, and adapted in ways that have resulted in increased and steady growth within our county. For example, Manatee County collects an important Tourist Tax, and through our efforts, those revenues were much higher than anticipated due to the promotion of the beauty and attractions that Manatee County has to offer. Construction growth also remains strong. Unexpected federal dollars in the form of the CARES Act were important to our citizens as well and the county coordinated the disbursement of more than $70 million to projects throughout the community. Specifically, these funds enabled the County to assist with COVID-related impacts to residents, business owners, nonprofits, community partners and local government. Manatee County is currently ensuring that additional federal monies assist our community with the $74 million in revenue received through the American Rescue Plan.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

The Convention and Visitors Bureau promotes our destination to prospective tourists both nationally and internationally. It also manages the Bradenton Area Convention Center, the Powel Crosley Estate, and the Premier Sports Campus, which facilitate hundreds of events annually.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney's Office functions as an in-house law firm providing legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners and its various operating departments. The County Attorney's Office also represents the Board in state and federal courts and in administrative law settings. The Risk Management Division of the County Attorney's Office works to reduce the County's exposure to liability and to enhance the operational safety of county employees and of the general public. Risk Management administers the County's self-insurance program by evaluating and adjusting claims against the County. The County Attorney reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Financial Management Department (FMD) develops, reviews and implements the county budget, capital improvement plan and related county policies and financial analytics which contributes to the County’s strategic planning. They work closely with county departments, the county administrator and the Board of County Commissioners in all areas of financial management. FMD provides procurement services for county departments and other agencies. Budget and procurement documents are available online at www.mymanatee.org/departments/financial_management.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department (HR) administers the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Personnel policies of the Board of County Commissioners; provides employment services, including recruitment, onboarding, orientation, employee retention and retirement programs; provides employee career development and training programs; administers the County’s performance management and merit pay programs; administers the drug free workplace program; provides labor relations services; and provides workforce planning and development.

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job classification services. HR also administers the County’s employee health benefits program, including medical, dental, prescription, deferred compensation, life insurance, long term disability, health care spending accounts and wellness programs and services.

### Human Resources

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### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Information Technology Services Department (ITS) promotes the successful day to day business of Manatee County Government. Under the direction of the County Administration, ITS collaborates and partners with BCC Agencies, Constitutional Officers, and the Courts. The Department manages services that offer and support Applications and Systems, county fiber network, Telecommunications, Radio Repair, Network Infrastructure, Security, and Customer and Business Services.

### Information Technology Services

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### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

The Neighborhood Services Department is made up of four divisions:

- **The NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS division** identifies, connects, works with, and provides resources to the neighborhoods to guide neighborhoods who are willing to help themselves become a better place to live. Additionally, this division assists with the revitalization of existing or aging neighborhoods by awarding small neighborhood improvement grant funds. Opportunities are provided to residents to voice concerns regarding their area in-person and via the Neighborhood Connections Magazine.

- **The LIBRARY SERVICES division**, Florida’s Library of the Year in 2016, provides resources, services and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) based programs and critical literacy initiatives. They provide engaging programs for all ages, serve as community centers and provide access to meeting rooms, maker spaces (crafts and hobby-type classes), and computers and technology. The Library makes available a large, relevant collection of physical books and unique family resources, as well as digital content featuring eBooks, eAudio, streaming music and movies and full text articles for the educational and recreational pursuits of every age.

- **The HUMAN SERVICES division** encompasses various sections, who oversee programs designed to assist vulnerable and/or at-risk youth and disabled, elderly or economically/socially disadvantaged individuals to meet the most basic of human needs.
  - **Veterans Services** is charged with the delivery of services for the County’s nearly 50,000 veterans as well as their dependents. These benefits encompass healthcare, disability compensation, long-term and low-income pension as well as housing and education.
  - **Aging and Eligibility Services** provide programs and resources to senior citizens and adults of Manatee County designed to foster emotional and physical stability with the ultimate goal of allowing clients to achieve their greatest level of independence.
  - **Criminal Justice** staff work closely with the Public Safety Coordinating Council. The group is comprised of law enforcement, state attorney, public defender and probation staff, local non-profits and the judiciary. They work to identify and then address criminal justice issues affecting our community.
  - Each year, the Children’s and Health Care Services staff evaluates comprehensive risk factors and indicator data to determine the ongoing and emerging needs of the children and families in our community. Funding through use of the Children’s Services Dedicated Millage is recommended by the Children’s Services Advisory Board. These contracted agency programs provide community-based services specifically for children.

- **The Health Care Section** employs cost-saving programs to reduce substance abuse and related impacts on our community, reduce the burden on emergency departments and decrease the per patient cost of indigent health care by enhancing access to care. Staff also manages the mandated health services and program areas that meet the needs of the jail medical component of the Sheriff’s office, behavioral health and medical care of the low-income and uninsured.

- **On an annual basis, the Board of County Commissioners** provides Non-profit Agency funding to adult and health care agencies providing community-based services. Grant revenues and contracts are employed for several federal and state mandated health and human services programs that focus on services for seniors, caregivers, prescriptions, burials, indigent behavioral and physical health, drug court, and pre-trial screening.

- **The PROBATION SERVICES division** administers pre-trial and post-sentence services to the County and circuit courts. Services focus on providing the least physically restrictive alternatives to incarceration as possible through meaningful supervision by offering pre-trial intervention, pre-trial release, misdemeanor probation supervision and the Offender Work Program. These services enable offenders to work throughout the community to avoid jail time, maintain their jobs and continue to provide for themselves and their families while creating taxpayer savings such as decreasing the costs of incarceration.

### Neighborhood Services

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### PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Parks and Natural Resources Department is a diverse department that oversees and administers a multitude of recreational, athletic, and nature opportunities throughout our public parks and natural preserves system including beach renourishment projects for Anna Maria Island. They also support the Board of County Commissioners for federal legislation and appropriations initiatives.

- **The RECREATION division** manages over 40 parks and facilities.
where staff supervises, coordinates and implements county aquatic, athletic, fitness and racquet sport programs and rentals to the public, enhancing the quality of life for over 500,000 participants annually.

- The **NATURAL RESOURCES** division manages nearly 30,000 acres of conservation lands for the protection of natural resources, maintenance of the ecosystem services they provide to our community, and to provide nature-centered recreation. Water access and waterway management, including the inspection and installation of aids to navigation, design and administration of County-owned boat ramps and artificial reefs, are also essential functions of this division.

- The **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** division protects natural systems (air, water, soil, and habitats) through regulatory and management programs related to water quality sampling and testing, storm water, air pollutants, fertilizer application/landscaping, pollutant storage tanks, hazardous materials, water well permitting, and phosphate and mineral mining.

- The **AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION SERVICES** division provides educational programs which brings the resources of the University of Florida to Manatee County to solve local problems, provide educational opportunities, promote economic enhancement and improve the quality of life for all. Examples of programs include school and community gardens education, environmental sustainability, shellfish aquaculture and commercial fisheries education, 4-H youth development, Florida Friendly Landscaping, the Master Gardener volunteer program and many more.

- The **PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATION** division hosts a variety of interpretive hands-on education programs, passive recreation activities, and volunteer service opportunities in Manatee County’s parks and preserves, serving over 10,000 participants while providing over 500 programs annually. This team is also responsible for permitting special events within the parks and preserves as well as hosting regular signature events attended by thousands of residents and visitors.

- The **ECOLOGICAL SERVICES** division designs and implements large scale landscape restoration projects to improve environmental quality and habitat values in addition to providing guidance to other divisions and departments with restoration and mitigation projects.

- **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

  The Property Management Department consists of seven unique divisions:

  - **BUILDING MANAGEMENT** maintains and manages county facilities providing electrical, air conditioning, plumbing and maintenance services.
  - **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES** completes minor construction and renovation projects and provides vertical construction management resources for county-owned facilities.
  - **PROPERTY ACQUISITION** manages land purchases, easements, land exchanges, leases, vacations and acquisition of property for capital improvement road projects.
  - **ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY** implements energy efficient measures to promote sustainability county-wide.
  - **SURVEY** provides survey services for county departments and ensures compliance with State and County rules and regulations for recorded plats.
  - **RECORDS MANAGEMENT** oversees electronic records retention and copy services for County departments and is responsible for mail and courier services for both the County departments and Constitutional Officers.
  - **PARKS MAINTENANCE** maintains all County parks and certain other non-park facilities covering over 1,162 acres and approximately 2.6 miles of beaches.

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### Public Safety

The Public Safety Department’s mission is to serve and protect its community with compassion, honor and commitment.

- **ANIMAL SERVICES** enforces state and local animal control statutes and ordinances, shelters impounded animals, promotes responsible pet ownership through education of owners on spay/neuter and leash rules, and facilitates adoptions through its own programs and those of its animal rescue partners in the community.

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT** conducts compliance for the land development code, county ordinances and building codes and responds to and follows up on complaints of potential violators.

- **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (ECC/911)** processes 911 calls from the community, dispatching and coordinating fire, emergency medical services resources and law enforcement agencies throughout the county. ECC also oversees 311 services which responds to citizens and visitors questions with information as needed.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** plans for and assists in mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery for countywide disasters, including training, public awareness, and technical assistance for disaster plans and procedures.

- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)** provides basic and advanced life support treatment and transport services throughout the county. EMS also oversees the Community Paramedicine program, aiming to improve access to appropriate healthcare for Manatee County’s medically vulnerable, under-insured, and medically underserved citizens.

- **BEACH PATROL** is responsible for protecting our residents and visitors while they visit our public beaches. More than just lifeguards, Beach Patrol provides basic life support and advanced life support emergency medical services. Life-saving measures are being performed before an ambulance arrives.

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The Public Works Department is comprised of two support sections and twelve divisions within three operational business centers:

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**
- **ADMINISTRATION** provides clerical support to the Public Works Director and Deputy Directors.
- The **EMPLOYEE RESOURCE CENTER** coordinates personnel matters, safety/training and acts as an emergency liaison with the County Emergency Operations Center.
- **FISCAL OPERATIONS** supports the financial management of Public Works cost centers and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**ENGINEERING SERVICES:**
- **STORMWATER ENGINEERING** is responsible for the review and approval of proposed stormwater management systems associated with the land development review process. In addition, staff are involved in the design, permitting, and inspection of county stormwater management facilities associated with improvement projects and roadway infrastructure. The division oversees Watershed Management Plans (WMP) in cooperation with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). The Watershed Management Plans are utilized to amendment Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM); and identify future stormwater improvement projects. Staff continuously monitor and maintain 27 near-real time rain and stream gauge network for reporting during storm events and the integration of data into Watershed Management Plans. The division participates in the certification of the Community Rating System (CRS) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) section of the division is responsible for editing and maintenance of geodatabase systems utilized throughout the department for asset management and service request tracking using “Cityworks” software. GIS staff are involved in the effective utilization of the “E-Builder” Project Management Software. In addition, staff perform reconnaissance both on foot and with aerial drones of drainage systems and roadway infrastructure.
- **CIP DESIGN AND REVIEW** provides professional engineering services for Manatee County infrastructure projects including, but not limited to, roadways, intersections, sidewalks, bridges, potable and reclaimed water, and wastewater. The division provides design and review services for conceptual and final designs, project analysis, cost estimating, construction certification, utility conflict resolution, and origination of infrastructure standards and specifications.
- **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW** reviews all residential and commercial development plans within Manatee County related to transportation, stormwater, and utility infrastructure for conformance with the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan and enforcement of the Manatee County Land Development Code and Code of Ordinances, and Public Works standards. This includes review of master plans, preliminary plats, site plans, construction plans, and final plats. The Division reviews easement requests from the County’s Property Acquisition Division. The Division coordinates with the Infrastructure Inspection Division through the construction and certification process. The Division works with the Manatee County Health Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to ensure compliance with all regulations and design standards for County utility infrastructure. The Division responds to citizen requests related to roadways, access, permitting and utility extensions. Responsible for day-to-day coordination and overall satisfaction of the County’s development community.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING** works with other departments and stakeholders to establish and update the project scopes, schedules and preliminary cost estimates for Capital Improvements Projects related to transportation, stormwater, and utility infrastructure. Infrastructure Planning also provides master planning related services to determine utility system requirements for new development and future build-out. This group also reviews, manages, and processes agreements from developers for Board execution.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTIONS** inspects all horizontal commercial, development and CIP construction projects.
- **PROJECT MANAGEMENT** provides oversight to support the planning, design, land acquisition and construction elements for the transportation, stormwater, potable water, wastewater, and solid waste capital improvement programs. Recently completed and continuing notable projects this year include:
  - Extension of 44th Avenue East, over the Braden River and over I-75 to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard
  - Fort Hamer Road extension
  - Moccasin Wallow Road from US 41 to I-75 and from I-75 to US 301
  - Parrish Master Pump Station completed and online
  - Traffic signals and intersection improvements along Lakewood Ranch Blvd and surrounding area

**FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICES:**
- **FIELD MAINTENANCE** maintains, repairs and improves approximately 1,479 miles of paved and unpaved roadway and related rights-of-way. They maintain over 166 miles of canals, an estimated 36,309 stormwater inlets, all roadside ditches, retention ponds, stormwater pipes and off-road pipes and associated structures. The Field Maintenance Division also manages over $2.5 million in contracted maintenance and repairs for countywide street sweeping, pond mowing/spraying, ROW mowing, sidewalk repair, tree removal, tree trimming, and shell road rebasing.
- **FLEET SERVICES** operates a county-wide fleet asset management program with 1,812 assets of various types and classes. The Fleet Division has four full-service maintenance facilities, each with a parts distribution center. The fleet team also collects and analyzes vehicle repair, utilization, and life cycle data while managing the asset replacement process to maintain a safe and efficient vehicle fleet.
- **FUEL/INVENTORY OPERATIONS** maintains inventory used by all Public Works’ divisions and disposes of county-wide surplus items. Staff manages fuel and distributes over 1.5 million gallons of gasoline and diesel annually. Customers include all county departments and several outside agencies including the Sheriff’s office and Fire Rescue Departments.

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:**
- **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING** responsibilities include planning for
the County’s multi-modal transportation needs, engaging the public in County transportation planning efforts, implementing and maintaining the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, prioritizing proposed capital projects, determining road right-of-way needs, ensuring transportation concurrency implementation and compliance, undertaking traffic study reviews, preparing transportation-related development orders, and maintaining concurrency records for transportation, school, and utility infrastructure.

- **TRAFFIC ENGINEERING** manages traffic signal system timing and coordination for over 100 traffic signals around the County and operates the Traffic Management Center (TMC) for the County-maintained portion of the traffic signal system. The TMC works with FDOT and provides real-time travel-related information through the SMART TRAFFIC website, @941_traffic Twitter account, and Waze. Operating the TMC includes support activities such as Advance Traffic Management System (ATMS) data analysis to proactively address traffic issues and efficiently implement signal timing changes in response to traffic incidents, special events, and planned construction activities. The team monitors signal health/performance and maintains 4 dynamic message signs, 122 miles of fiber optic cable communication and over 490 intelligent transportation system devices. The team also reviews development applications, capital project plans & temporary use permits, and provides design support for traffic signal, signing, and pavement marking projects. They maintain and manage the County crash database, manage the County’s Traffic Calming program, conduct over 800 traffic studies per year in response to citizen requests, and collect traffic counts at over 300 locations throughout the County.

- **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS** provides maintenance for 245 State and County signalized intersections, 4,643 streetlights, 364 flashing beacons along State and County roadways, 56,323 traffic signs, 1,116 linear miles of long line pavement markings, and 14,699 transverse pavement markings on County roads.

### Redevelopment & Economic Opportunity

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### REDEVELOPMENT & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEPARTMENT

The Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Department (REO) was created in October 2016 to focus County efforts on the redevelopment and revitalization of urban areas of the county and to create greater economic opportunities for residents and businesses through housing, community and economic development projects and programs. This includes a strong emphasis on job retention and creation through working with local businesses, implementing redevelopment strategies in the Southwest District (SWD), and providing opportunities for affordable rental and homeownership projects. The department consists of three programs:

- **The REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** encompasses the Southwest County Improvement District, commonly referred to as SWTIF or SWD, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 3, 2014. This tax increment district became effective October 1, 2014, with a 30-year life span. In the district, 50% of tax increment revenues are directed to support redevelopment, economic development, and infrastructure improvements that attract investment, increase the tax base, create jobs, improve infrastructure connections, and brand the district.

- **The ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** seeks to retain and expand existing local business, and attract new businesses to the area. Growing the economic base of the County through targeted industry jobs in manufacturing, bio/clean technology, life sciences, information technology, financial and professional services, corporate headquarters, and sports performance makes this happen. The Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption (EDAVTE) provides an additional incentive in the County’s Economic Development toolbox for qualified new or existing businesses to relocate or expand to foster local economic growth and increase employment.

- **The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** administers over $10 million in grant program funds from the state and federal governments for affordable housing and community development activities for low to moderate-income residents. These programs include the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. These programs work together to realize the County’s goals of a diversified economic tax base and improved quality of life with better economic opportunities for residents and businesses.

### BCC Court Funding

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### 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. ■

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DeSoto Landing Reenactment at DeSoto Point, 1968

Conquistadors leave DeSoto’s re-created ship, the San Cristobal, and head for their landing site in a ship’s longboat. Spectators’ motorboats and sailboats surround them. The landing site was at Shaw’s Point, later called De Soto Point, at the De Soto National Memorial. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
PROPRIETARY OPERATIONS

PUBLIC UTILITIES SYSTEM

The County provides 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 DEPARTMENT operates the County's water, wastewater and solid waste systems.
  - The Water Division operates, maintains and monitors the County’s drinking water supply, water treatment facility, laboratory and distribution system including meter reading and water conservation efforts.
  - The Wastewater Division manages pumping stations, gravity and force main lines and three regional treatment plants that process wastewater into effluent usable for urban and agricultural irrigation.
  - The Solid Waste division operates and maintains the Lena Road Landfill, scalehouse and recycling program.

The Utilities Customer Service and Billing Collections division provides services to system customers.

- The PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, through the efforts of the Field Maintenance Division and Stormwater Engineering, maintains and ensures the

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<td>86,338</td>
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Harry Ditmus Postmaster 1922-24 Bradenton Beach Post Office

Harry Ditmus, called Uncle Sam Ditmus, became postmaster at Anna Maria in 1922. He came from Brooklyn to Florida in 1916, traveling as a minstrel and burlesque entertainer. He grew a beard, and with his white hair, dressed up in the unusual costume of Uncle Sam. He began delivering mail to Anna Maria and Bradenton Beach in 1924. For a while, he carried advertising on his truck, until the U.S. Postal Service informed him that was not allowed. Instead, Harry had a mural of a mail coach outrunning Native Americans, taken from a Chesterfield cigarette poster, painted on the truck. Today: Anna Maria’s post office is now on the site of the former Fast Eddie’s restaurant. Photo credits – Manatee County Public Library Historical Image Digital Collection.
flow carrying capacity of the Stormwater drainage system and develops and implements the Stormwater Management Plan. The department also provides engineering services for utilities projects, reviews construction plans, and provides survey locations and record support services for the Utilities System.

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

- The **AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT** administers the water conservation education program for the County Utilities System.

The Public 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 at least 115%, the coverage during the current fiscal year was 239%.

**CONVENTION CENTER**
The Bradenton Area Convention Center provides meeting space for trade shows, sporting events, exhibitions, conferences and private parties. The Powel Crosley Estate provides conference space and an indoor/outdoor venue for both public and private events. These facilities are managed by the Convention and Visitors Bureau and facilitate hundreds of events annually.

**TRANSIT SYSTEM**
The Manatee County Transit Division, through the Manatee County Public Works Department, operates fixed-route/fixed schedule public transportation services throughout Manatee County and into neighboring counties, including Sarasota County and Pinellas County. Fixed-bus routes generally operate Monday through Saturday, from 5:30 AM to 7:30 PM. A trolley service is provided on Anna Maria Island (i.e., AMI Trolley), and operates on a 20-minute service frequency and from 6:30 AM until 10:30 PM, 365 days a year. The Transit Division also operates a demand-response paratransit service (i.e., Handy Bus) for persons with disabilities who cannot use the fixed-route bus service. Emergency transportation service to area shelters during emergency events is also a core function of the Transit Division operation.

**PORT MANATEE**
Port Manatee is the closest U.S. deepwater seaport to the Panama Canal, serving bulk, breakbulk, container, heavy lift, project and general cargo customers. The port generates more than $3.9 billion in annual economic impact for the local community, while supporting more than 27,000 direct and indirect jobs, without the benefit of ad-valorem taxes. In fiscal year 2021, a record 135,660 twenty-foot-equivalent container units crossed Port Manatee docks, up 53.3 percent from moves of 88,466 TEUs in the preceding 12-month period. Port Manatee also achieved a record in total cargo tonnage in fiscal 2021, with 10,451,566 short tons handled, up 12.1 percent from the prior fiscal year 2020. Just a few of the Port’s ongoing projects:

- The berth 6 rehab project which includes wharf and wall repairs of berth 6 and secondary repairs at berth 7 and 8 are anticipated to be completed by October 2022.
- Ongoing access control systems upgrades include a comprehensive update of port-wide security systems.
- The south gate improvement project will begin construction in April 2022. Two bidirectional traffic lanes will be installed including enhancement of access vetting and screening.
- Port Manatee’s warehouse 6 improvements will start construction in May 2022. A complete renovation of both the interior and exterior are planned.

### CONVENTION CENTER

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<td>Depreciation</td>
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<td>(13,901)</td>
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The Port Authority has loans and revenue bonds payable outstanding, which are secured by and are solely payable from pledged revenues of the Port, primarily net operating revenues and investment earnings. The Port Authority has committed in its bond authorization resolution to maintain certain financial ratios while these bonds are outstanding. The Port Authority was in compliance with its covenants for the year ended September 30, 2021. For more detailed information about the Port, see the Port Authority Financial Schedules at www.manateeclerk.com.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

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<td>Roads &amp; drainage</td>
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<td>Port Manatee</td>
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### INVESTMENT INFORMATION

During fiscal year 2021, the County’s investment portfolio ranged from $1,205 to $1,302 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 and it:

- 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.
- Assures liquidity, or that cash will be available as needed to pay any bills.
- Considers 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 2021, the investments made by the Clerk earned an average of .3112% and generated $3.8 million in investment earnings. The chart below is a breakdown of the portfolio at fair value, by types of investments.
### PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

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### PROPERTY TAX RATES 2017- 2021

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### Economic Statistics

#### Population vs Residents per Government Employee

- Population: [Graph showing population growth from 2012 to 2021]
- Residents per Government Employee: [Graph showing residents per government employee growth from 2012 to 2021]
How to Contact Manatee County Government

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Manatee County Courthouse
1115 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.manateeclerk.com
(941) 749-1800

Other Clerk Services Locations:

CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM
1115 Manatee Avenue West
2nd floor
Bradenton, Florida 34205

CHILD SUPPORT HEARINGS
Judicial Center
1051 Manatee Avenue West
3rd Floor
Bradenton, Florida 34205

HISTORICAL RECORDS LIBRARY
(Carnegie Library)
1405 Fourth Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

MANATEE VILLAGE HISTORICAL PARK
1404 Manatee Avenue East
Bradenton, Florida 34208

PALMETTO HISTORICAL PARK
Palmetto Carnegie Library
515 Tenth Avenue West
Palmetto, Florida 34221

FLORIDA MARITIME MUSEUM
AT CORTEZ
4415 119th Street West
Cortez, Florida 34215

MANATEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM
1015 6th Street West
Palmetto, Florida 34221

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Administration Building
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.mymanatee.org
(941) 748-4501

PROPERTY APPRAISER
915 Fourth Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.manateeppao.gov
(941) 748-8208

SHERIFF
600 301 Boulevard West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.manateesheriff.com
(941) 747-3011

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
600 301 Boulevard West
Suite 108
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.votemanatee.com
(941) 741-3823

TAX COLLECTOR
819 301 Boulevard West
Bradenton, Florida 34205
www.taxcollector.com
(941) 741-4800

Other Tax Collector Services Locations:

Driver License Office
904 301 Boulevard West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

Lakewood Ranch
6007 111th Street East
Bradenton, Florida 34211

North River
4333 U.S. Highway 301 North
Ellenton, Florida 34222

First Manatee South County Tag Agency
5756 14th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34207

Self-service kiosk locations at Publix grocery stores:
Lockwood Commons
4240 53rd Avenue East, Bradenton

Beachway Plaza
7310 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton

Parkwood Square
9005 US Highway 301 North, Parrish

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