

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**\*\*ADD-ON\*\***

**10:30AM – TIME APPROXIMATE**

Meeting Date: Wed., April 18, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes  No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom  
(305 289-6000)

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Discussion of Freeman Justice Center project completion issues.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Judge Sandra Taylor has requested an opportunity to address the Board at the April 18, 2007 meeting.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** At March 21, 2007 meeting, BOCC gave the exterior siding and brick work contractor until April 4, 2007 to meet contract bonding requirements.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGETED:** Yes  No

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes  No  **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty  OMB/Purchasing  Risk Management

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included  Not Required

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_



**SANDRA TAYLOR**

CHIEF JUDGE

**SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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Mario Di Gennaro  
Mayor, Monroe County  
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**VIA FAX and Regular Mail**

April 12, 2007

**RE: Freeman Justice Center**

Dear Mayor Di Gennaro:

At the February 21 and the March 21, 2007, meetings of the Board of County Commissioners, County Judge Wayne Miller spoke to the BOCC on my behalf, and requested your help in bringing the Freeman Justice Center to completion. Judge Miller cited many of the problems the users of the Courthouse Annex face on a routine basis: sewage back-ups, ADA accessibility problems, security limitations, and poor jury accommodations, to name but a few. At both BOCC meetings, the Commission lent a sympathetic ear, and gave assurances that the Freeman Justice Center was a priority and would remain one until completed.

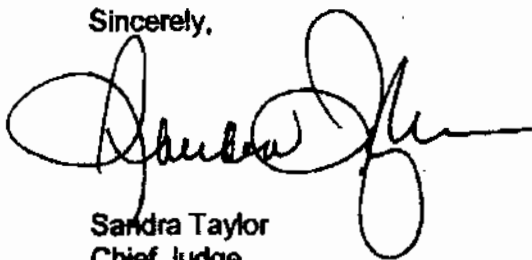
At the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, the BOCC was advised by the County Attorney and the Engineering Department that the contractor selected to install the exterior stone and brick work had not met contract requirements and had not posted a bond. The decision was made to allow the contractor until April 4, 2007, to submit approved shop drawings and post the bond required for work to begin. As you are now aware, the contractor has failed to meet these basic requirements, and it has been discovered that he does not currently hold a valid license in the State of Florida.



→ This matter has not been placed on the BOCC Agenda for April 18, 2007. I am asking that you address this issue with County Administrator Willi, and Mr. Koppel when they make their reports on the 18th. I will make arrangements to be present at the meeting, and would very much appreciate the opportunity to address the Commission. Action should be taken now to select a qualified contractor who can complete this work before the height of Hurricane season.

Thank you again for your attention and oversight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Taylor', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sandra Taylor  
Chief Judge