

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**\*\*AM TIME APPROXIMATE REQUESTED\*\*  
(To be heard with other Duck Key Security District Safety Item)**

Meeting Date: Wed., May 16, 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:** Approval to advertise for Request for Proposals to provide pedestrian and bicycle walkway enhancement for the Truman and Plantation humpback bridges on Duck Key as requested by the Duck Key Security District Advisory Board.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** Over the past few years, resort expansion has increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic into the Duck Key residential islands. The historic humpback bridges are narrow and make visibility difficult, creating potential for a serious public safety issue and liability for the County. Duck Key residents were surveyed by the District earlier this year, 70% responded in favor of a pedestrian and bicycle walkway improvement.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:** The BOCC contractually approved the construction of a pedestrian bicycle bridge to enhance public safety at the humpback bridge on Ocean Bay Drive, Key Largo on May 17, 2004.

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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 #** \_\_\_\_\_



APR 12 2007

March 20, 2007

Dear Mayor DiGennero,

Thank you for attending our last Key Security Board Advisory Committee held on March 6, 2007. Based on the out come of the meeting, we are petitioning the County Commission to approve a pedestrian walkway on the Truman, and Plantation Bridges on Duck Key. The reasoning behind this request is that it has become a serious public safety issue.

Please advise us when this will be discussed at the Council Meeting, call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Tom Neville*

Tom Neville, Chairman

PH-Home 305-289-4311

Cell- 305-304-7354.

*Mtg. attended by  
Dave Kappel, County Engnr.  
Sheriff's office / Roth  
Mayor DiGennero  
Tom Willi*

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Jan 12 2007

January 12, 2007

From: Duck Key Security Advisory Board  
Chairman: Tom Neville

Dear Mayor Mario Di Gennaro,

Just to bring you up to date on the results of the survey regarding the security camera and the walkway on the Truman Bridge of Duck Key Residential Island. The results are overwhelmingly in favor of both the camera and the walkway.

The Breakdowns of the results are:

601 Surveys Sent, 191 Responded, resulting in a 32% response so far.

→ 133 yes to both camera and walkway which is 70% in favor.

9 yes to camera, and no to walkway resulting in a 5% response.

32 no to walkway, and yes to camera resulting in 17% response.

11 no to walkway and no to camera resulting in 5% response.

6 returned with no response resulting in 3% response.

We plan to discuss these results at our next meeting on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 @ 9:00 a.m. at 126 Bimini Drive on Duck Key. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Tom Neville, Chairman, Duck Key Security Advisory Board

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**QUESTIONS**

1. DO YOU SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT THE TRUMAN BRIDGE SITE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

2. DO YOU SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF A SECURITY CAMERA AT THE TRUMAN BRIDGE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

3. ANY COMMENTS SUGGESTIONS?

**PLEASE RETURN IN THE SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE BY JANUARY 11, 2007**

# Sheriff



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December 20, 2001

DEC 21 2002

Commissioner Nora Williams  
490 63<sup>rd</sup> St. Ocean  
Marathon, FL 33050

Re: "Humpback" Bridge Ocean Bay Drive, Key Largo

Dear Commissioner Williams:

On behalf of the Monroe County Sheriff's Sector 7, Zone 1 Citizen Advisory Committee, I would like to request your assistance with a matter regarding a public safety concern in the Upper Keys. The area of concern is the "Humpback" Bridge on Ocean Bay Drive in Key Largo.

→ The bridge's configuration, pitch to distance, width and lack of safe shoulders on either side in either direction are the contributing safety factors. The lack of safe passage over the bridge by individual walking, jogging and cycling is a growing concern and a public safety hazard. The flourishing development in the past several years has brought an increasing number of individuals to this neighborhood and increased amount of traffic to this bridge. Many families in the area have school age children who walk this area daily.

An evaluation of the site could establish recommendations that would help to improve the safety for all users of this bridge. Possibly an additional and separate crosswalk for pedestrian/bicycle traffic may help to accomplish this goal

We have had excellent cooperation with County Works in addressing other safety issues concerning the "Humpback" Bridge in the past. The fencing placed along the edge of the bridge now serves as an aid for detouring children from playing in that area. However, the bridge continues to be a dangerous site with little room for any distance between vehicles, as well as pedestrian traffic. Please note the enclosed photographs that provide a view of area.

A conversation with Dick Morton, Engineer, County Works revealed that Mr. Morton agrees that something should be done at this location. It may be beneficial if this issue was brought up as an agenda item and could be discussed further by the Board.

If you have any questions I am available to discuss this matter with you further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Caputo".

Sgt. Louis Caputo  
Sector 7, Zone 1 Commander

Board granted approval to rescind the Memorandum of Agreement between Monroe County and the Department of Transportation (FDOT) concerning the Flagler Avenue Road Improvement Project as approved on March 19, 2003. After this Agreement was approved FDOT revised it and a subsequent Agreement was approved at the April 16, 2003 meeting.

Board granted approval and authorized execution of a Standard Form of Agreement between Monroe County and JTD Contracting, Inc. d/b/a Upper Keys Marine Construction in the amount of \$87,533.00 for Ocean Bay Drive. *(Pedestrian bridge on humpback bridge)*

Board granted approval and authorized execution of the Small County Outreach Program Amendment to Agreement No. 1, Financial Project No. 4108481 between Monroe County and the Florida Department of Transportation extending the term of Item 2. TERM, Section A. b) from March 2004 to June 16, 2004.

Board granted approval and authorized execution of a Standard Form of Agreement between Monroe County and General Asphalt Co., Inc., the lowest qualified bidder, for C-905 roadway improvements in the amount of \$1,279,328.50.

Board granted approval and authorized execution of a Class A Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Monroe County Fire Rescue for the operation of an ALS transport ambulance service.

Board granted approval to apply for residual Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds for purchase of blood alcohol level testing units.

Board granted approval and authorized execution of a Contract Addendum between Monroe County and Eagle Security for a one month extension for security patrols and services in the Duck Key Security District.

Board adopted the following Resolutions concerning the Transfer of Funds and Receipt of Unanticipated Funds:

Receipt of Unanticipated Funds (OMB Schedule Item No. 1).

**RESOLUTION NO. 097-2004**

Said Resolution is incorporated herein by reference.

Receipt of Unanticipated Funds (OMB Schedule Item No. 2).

**RESOLUTION NO. 098-2004**

Said Resolution is incorporated herein by reference.

Transfer of Funds (OMB Schedule Item No. 3).

**RESOLUTION NO. 099-2004**

Said Resolution is incorporated herein by reference.

Transfer of Funds (OMB Schedule Item No. 4).

Board granted approval of disposition of inventory items for the month of May, 2002, in the amount of \$382,529.18. Said list is incorporated herein by reference.

### **MONROE COUNTY JUDICIAL SERVICES**

Board granted approval of Chief Judge's authorization to create Special Jury Districts for Monroe County, Local Rule Number 8, one for each courthouse location, from which jury lists shall be selected in the manner presently provided by law.

Board granted approval and authorized execution of Grant-In-Aid Agreement for Child Dependency between Monroe County and the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC). JAC will pay the County for expenditures made in an amount not to exceed \$22,084.04 to assist in the payment of costs incurred for Dependency Counsel for the period beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

### **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

Board adopted the following Resolution recognizing the importance of the Latin-American Chamber of Commerce and of encouraging minority business.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 219-2002**

Said Resolution is incorporation herein by reference.

Board granted approval to eliminate the use of a Sheriff Traffic Enforcement Officer at the monthly Board of County Commission meeting.

Board granted approval for staff to provide a proposal to commit to the Dog Track affordable housing project, Meridian West, ninety (90) ROGO / Nutrient credits.

→ Board granted conceptual approval to direct staff to provide a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Ocean Bay Drive in Key Largo, Florida (mm 99.7 Oceanside).

Board granted approval to direct staff to negotiate the acquisition of Lot 7, Block 5, PB4-92 Largo Sound Village, Key Largo, as a conservation easement lot.

Board granted approval of the Upper Keys Athletic Association's request to extend the lights off in the Key Largo Community Park from 8:30 PM to 11:00 PM for a period of three weeks for the Little League Play-off Series. Port Largo Homeowner's Association has given permission to allow this extension.

### **COUNTY CLERK**

### **WARRANTS**

Board approved the following Warrants (#64946-66307 & 202709-202835):