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County Commission puts penny sales tax on ballot

Sarasota County Commission decided at their Sept. 12 meeting to place a referendum on the Nov. 6 ballot to extend the penny sales tax for 15 years. The commissioners also approved a list of projects developed by the county, the school board, the cities of Sarasota, Venice and North Port and the town of Longboat Key that would be constructed if county voters approve the penny tax extension.

The list of 193 projects includes transportation projects, new schools, park improvements, new court facilities, and new fire stations among others.

The penny sales tax, which pays for infrastructure improvements and construction, was extended in 1997 and will expire Aug. 31, 2009 unless voters approve the extension.

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