

**April 16, 2013**

Good Morning. Thank You For Joining Us April 16th, 2013. Pastor, Please Come Forward. All Following The Indication, Please Rise. We'll Be Doing The Pledge Of Allegiance.

We Live In A World Where Still The Wicked Seeks To Sow Seeds Of Destruction. Is And So We Ask In Light Of Things That Happened Within Our World And Within Our Great Nation, Things That We See And Signs Of Suffering And Tribulation, Often Times It Is So Hard For Us To Make Sense Or To Find Hope. All We Can Do In Response Is To Ask You To Come Quickly To Us, Oh Lord. Come Quickly, Lord Jesus. Come And Bring To Us That Sense Of Stability And Peace Which You Promised As Our King. We Pray For The People Of Boston. We Ask That Evil Would Be Brought To Justice. That Those Who Are In Suffering And Pain Would Be Brought Healing. And That You Would Give To Them A Sense Of Security That We Are Privileged To Live Under In This Place That We Call Our Home. So, Too, Our Lord, Do We Pray For Lee County. I Ask That You Be With Them, That Your Spirit Would Descend Upon Them And You Would Grant Them The Wisdom That We Know Comes Only From You. We Pray All These Things In The Name Of Our Lord And Save Your, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please Join The Board In The Pledge Of Allegiance. I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag And The United States Of America. And To The Republic For Which It Stands. One Nation, Under God Indy Visible With Liberty And Justice For All.

Are You Here? I Saw You Earlier. Would You Come Forward. And If You Have Some Guests With You, Would You Bring Them Up Also To The Podium? Ladies, Gentlemen, All Our Friends. If You'd Stand At The Podium, I'll Raise This Resolution On Behalf Of The Board And Then We'll Take A Photograph, And We'd Like To Hear A Few Words From You. Librarians Work To Meet The Changing Needs Of Their Communities, Including Providing Resources For Everyone And Bringing Services Outside Of Library Walls. Where Libraries And Librarians Bring Together Community Members To Enrich And Shape The Community And Address Local Issues. Providing Technology Training And Access To Downloadable Context Like

E-Books. 24/7 Homework Help And Financial Planning Services To Teens Applying For Student Loans To Older Adults Planning Their Retirement. Where As Libraries Continuously Grow And Evolve In How They Provide For The Needs Of Every Member In Their Communities. And Where As Libraries, Librarians, Library Workers And Supporters Across America Are Celebrating Library Work. April 14-20, 2013 As National Library Week And Encourages All Residents To Visit The Library This Week To Take Advantage Of The Wonderful Library Resources Available At Your Library. Duty Executed The 16th Day Of April, 2013. We'll Take A Photo And Then We'll Hear A Few Words. [Applause]

I Hope You All Realize How Important The Libraries Are In Lee County. They're Not Quiet Places; They're Very Busy. And They're Getting More Busy. And Many People Use Them. We Hope That When You Consider Tax Information And So On, That You Will Give Thought To The Raising The Millage Rate, So That We Can Have The Money We Usually Have And Not Have To Cut Our Budget Again. So Thank You Very Much And Consider Us. You All Have A Copy Of Lee County Advisory Board's Annual Report To You And That Outlines A Lot Of The Things. Thank You.

Thank You, Caryn Lieberman. We'll Have A Motion For Our Move -- Defer Agenda Items A-1 And 14b. Any Discussion? No Discussion, No Objection Motion Carries. The Next Item Is Item Consent 7-B.

Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion, Commissioner Manning Seconds. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objections? No Objections, Motion Carries. I Have A Few Cards Here Today. Once I Call Your Name, Please Come Forward. Allen Mandel. I'd Also -- Thanks For Joining Us Today.

Thank You. We'll Hold Off On Congratulations On That Until A Later Date.

[Laughter]

Thank You All For Letting Me Speak. At Our Recent BOCC Town Joint Meeting, There Appeared To Be Consensus To Allow The Town To Take Development Of The Entire Sea Fair Site. Your County Attorney Advised You That You Have To Vote In Session To Acknowledge Our Lead On The Project. As Mayor, I Request This Responsibility. And If Given That, Will Communicate Progress And Coordinate Plans With The BOCC And Any Other Designate You Have. The Town's Goals Are To

Encourage The Development Of A Public-Private Partnership Representing The Highest And Best Use Of The Entire Properties In The Former Sea Fairers Area. And, This Is Important, To Incorporate Plans And Improving Traffic Flow To The Bridge. In Addition, The Town Staff Will Work With The County On An Analysis Regarding The Feasibility Of An Employee Parking Lot On The Site Of The Former Building During The Development Period. As A Reminder, Traffic Was The Original Reason The Town Had Come To The BOCC To Have That Property Purchased. The Analysis On The Parking Lot As A Temporary Measure Will Obviously Include Economic Situations As Well As Traffic Impact. There Appears To Be A New Direction In Communication Being Forged, Which We Do Appreciate. Please Continue This Partnership By Agreeing To The Request, Allowing The Town To Take The Lead On The Development Of This Entire Site, Which Will Provide The Town The Opportunity To Guide Significant Matters To Its Constituents And Guests. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You For Your Time. Next Speaker, Margaret Banyon.

And This Grant For Technical Assistance Would Be To Develop A Multi-Lingual Bicycle Pedestrian Plan That Would Increase Safety And Access In The Neighborhood. The Neighborhood Is Very Excited About This Grant. We're Very Excited And We Think It's A Pretty Prestigious Honor For Lee County To Have Won. It'll Also Be Many Different Ages That Are Gonna Take Part In The Process. And More, We've Got Some Pretty Important Partners. Florida Department Of Transportation Is Going To Launch Its Lee County Campaign Alert Today Alive Tomorrow In Conjunction With This Grant. Overall, I'm Asking You To Approve The M.O.U. And Join Us If You're Available On May 8th Or May 9th To Take Part In The Process. Thank You.

Thank You. Next Speaker, Anne Pierce.

Good Morning, I'm Anne Pierce. I'm Here To Speak On The Same Item Regarding The Project For Public Spaces Grant. We'd Like To Speak In Support Of The Approval Of The M.O.U. For This Grant. The Project For Public Spaces Has Been Working Since 1975 To Help Cities Revitalize Deteriorating Neighborhoods. They Started In New York City, But They Were Recently In The Past Several Years Hired To Consult In Downtown Fort Myers. And Most Recently On The Decision Making

And Locating The New Downtown Library. Lee County Has This Opportunity Now To Access A Range Of Talents From This Group. And Particularly, Through The Unique Expertise Of Their Technical Team Grant That's Been Awarded To The Historical Neighborhood. The Technical Team Will Work In The Neighborhood For Two Days, Engaging Citizens On A Bilingual Basis. Conducting Walking Audits With The Outcome Goal Of A Completed Bike Pedestrian Plan To Be Part Of The Lee M.P.O. Master Plan. With This Opportunity, Lee County Staff Can Participate Fully In The Trainer Experience That P. P. S. Will Be Offering. And This Participation Will Put Our County One Step Closer In Preparation For The New Performance Measures That Are Gonna Be Coming From The U.S. D.O.T. These Performance Measures Are Gonna Have Very Specific And Data Driven Targets For Reducing Bike And Pedestrian Injuries And Death. Margaret Already Mentioned That Fdot Is Launching In Conjunction With This Grant, Their Alive Today Alert Tomorrow Safety Program. We Would Very Much Like To See Full Participation From This County. And I Gave You Two Fliers. One Is About The M.P.O. Safety Plan. Very Important Meeting Tomorrow Evening. And Then A Series Of Biking Audits That -- To Get Elected Officials And Staff Out On Short Rides Where We Can Have Fun But We Can Show You The Good, The Bad And The Ugly Of What Exists And What Needs There Are.

At This Time, We Will Close Public Comment. Go On To The Consent Agenda. Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

None.

Commissioner Hall?

None.

Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objections? No Objections, Motion Carries. Administrative Items.

Move Item 1-A.

Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion.

I Thought That Was Deferred.

I'm Sorry.

Move 3-A.

Second. Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion, Commissioner Manning Makes The Second. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

5-A, Mr. Chairman, If I May.

Commissioner Hall?

This Was The Issue That I Brought Up. We Purchased The Beach And The Property. At Some Point, It's Restricted Right Now. I'm Not In Favor For Just Turning Over For A Master Plan For The Town To Take A Lead On. I Think It's Something That We Need To Take Responsibility For. With All Of The Challenges That We're Facing With Our Beach And Shoreline Fund, I'm Sensitive To How Long Do We Hold This In Beach And Shoreline When It Is Not Actually A Benefit For The Beach. Since There's No Rush On This, Why Go Ahead And Move The Funds Now? That's Really The Reason. Because There Has Been No Rush. And I Believe That The Purpose Of The Fund Is You Purchase Property That Has A Benefit To Beach And Shoreline. And It's Not Having A Benefit To That Right Now. I'm Gonna Ask That We Go Ahead And Clean Our Books Appropriately And We Go Ahead And Reach Beach And Shoreline. If We Decide That It's Gonna Become A Parking Lot For The Beach, Then Beach And Shoreline Can Pay For That. But In The Meantime, It Is Not And It Hasn't Been. And I Don't Know What It's Gonna Be In The Future. I Just Look At This As Being, Not Being Handled Appropriately At This Time. I Make A Motion That We Reimburse The Beach And Shoreline Fund The \$900,000.

Second.

Commissioner Manning Makes Second. Any Other Discussion?

Mr. Chair, If You Can Read In The Record The Item From Commissioner Mann. Is That Appropriate?

A Few Minutes Ago The Board Was Doing A Memo From Commissioner Mann, Who Was Not Able To Be In The Meeting Today.

It's The First Thing That You See When It Comes Over The Bridge. It's Really Not A Good Situation. The Reason That The Town Came To The Board Of County Commissioners Years Past Was Simply That We Thought There Was An Opportunity To Fix The Traffic Problem Down There. There's Some Tanks That Are Buried. We Don't Know What's Underneath There. I Would Also Like To Remind The Board That There's Been Some Communication Issues In Terms Of What Was Going To Happen To That Property. There's Been No Established Point Of Contact From Staff That Says What We Would Like To Have Happen On That Property. Who Do You Talk To? So I Think That's Why The Discussion From The Mayor Was That They Wanted To Take A Leadership Position. And Although That May Not Be Part Of This Motion, I Think It Should Be Certainly Part Of The Direction To The Staff At The End Of All This That Either The Board Recognizes The Town As A Designated Leader To Work With, The County Or More Importantly Is We Make Them Equal Partner In Any Decision That Goes On That Piece Of Property.

Mr. Chairman? That's Never Been An Issue As Far As The Beach Being Involved In What Occurs On That Property From My Recollection. If There's Been Some Miscommunication That Somehow They're Not In That Decision Making, Then Let Me Apologize. There Seems To Be A Hit And Miss When It Comes To This Particular Piece Of Property. So, Again, I Would Like To Pull It Back If We Can To Get An Update And Look At How This Plays A Role In It. Obviously It's In The City. Any City, Whether It's The Town Of The Beach, The Cape Coral, The Cities Participate In Those. That's A Major Icon. It's No Different Than Working With The City And The Library In Fort Myers. No Different Working With Cape Coral. Obviously The Town Is Gonna Play A Very Significant Role. If We Need To Memorialize That And Assign People, I'm Ok Doing That. I Don't Have A Problem With Commissioner Kiker Taking That Role. It's Your District. But I Think We Need To Tie It Into Everything That's Happening There And Leave It Open, So That It Can Be Utilized For Its Highest And Best Purpose. I Don't Know Why This Seems To Be Such A Hard Conclusion. Doug, Can We Get This On So We Can Give Clear Direction To Staff And Clear Direction To This Board? And My Goodness, Clear Direction To The Town. I Feel Bad That We Keep Hitting And Missing On This One. I Don't Have Alzheimer's, Yet.

I Agree. I Appreciate Your Concern.

My Only Comment Is Obviously I'm Trying To Catch Up On The History Of This Whole Agenda Item. I Gotta Thank Commissioner Mann's Memo. Any Other Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

Move 12-A.

Second.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Hall Seconds. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objections? Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion. I Will Second For Discussion. Any Discussion From The Board? Commissioner Kiker?

I Think We'd Be Less Than Attentive If We Didn't Point Out That Water Quality Belongs To Everybody In The County.

We're Having A Certain Percentage Of Folks Pay For It; Not Everyone. If There's A Legal View Of Why We Picked An M.S.T. Here Rather Than General Funds, I'd Like To Hear.

That Was From Budget's Perspective. We Just Asked Them To Fill Out The Funding Source.

Commissioners, I May Ask To Help Out With This.

The County Service Water Management Program Is Funded By The Unincorporated Home Owners. Not That There's Some Blood Over Benefit, My Understanding Is Cities Have Their Own Water Management Programs. That's Why We Structure It That Way. Obviously The Water Doesn't Recognize Jurisdictional Boundaries. I Don't Know If You Have Anything To Add.

Mr. Chairman, This Board Has -- Since I've Been Here Since 2004, The Board Has Not Allowed An Additional Tax To Go For Water Management. And Many Of The Cities Already Have That. Cape Coral, Fort Myers; I Don't Know If The Town Has It. To Be Fair, We Voted To Have Water Management Projects, Water Quality The Unincorporated -- Each Of Us Has To Take Responsibility. It Was The Decision Of

The Board At The Time That We Would Do That. Now, Beach Re-Nourishment May Be A Different Issue. You May Want To Look At It. But That Probably Should Stay In The Unincorporated MSTU. But For Greg Burns, Because He Deals -- Well, The Beaches Do Affect Mostly Unincorporated. But We Did Just Do One In The Town. For The Most Part, They Do. I'm Ok With The Beach. But I'm Not Comfortable -- This Board Voted To Assure, So That Was The Reasoning.

Commissioners, What We Decided To Do Was Going Forward Is We'd Build This Into Natural Resources Budget. We'd Like At A More Refined Separation Between The Other Issues. Pulling That Out, Going Backwards Was A Task That We Felt Was Kind Of Maximizing Minimal Gains On This.

Thank You.

For The Record, I Think He Summed It Up Pretty Well. Cities Have Their Own Storm Water Programs. They're All Stake Holders And Separate Stakeholders And They're Given A Water Quality Allocation Separately From The County.

Any Other Questions, Commissioner Kiker?

No, Thank You.

Any Objection? Motion Carries, 3-1. Next Item Is Deferred.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion. Second For Discussion. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Motion Carries.

I Just Want To Make Sure That We Were Being Fair In Handling The County Attorney The Way We Handled The County Manager With The Additional Pay.

Yes.

Ok, Thank You.

Thank You. Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Manning?

None.



Commissioner Kiker?

Yes, Sir. I Wanted A Brief Discussion And Review Of Yesterday, If At All Possible. That Was The Budget Process With The Constitution Law Offices. I'll Use Commissioner Hall's Term Of Being Uncomfortable. It Was Very Uncomfortable With The Whole Situation. In Terms Of, If We Were There To Discuss A Budget, We Had No Numbers. We Didn't Have Criteria. I Don't Believe That Was Developed Ahead Of Time. Since Then, I've Had Conversations And Was Told That That's Kind Of The Way It's Been In The Past. I Was Just A Little Surprised. I Don't Want To Say I Was Disappointed Or Frustrated, But I Was Discouraged, If You Will, With The Process. I Wasn't Sure What We Were Supposed To Get Out Of That. I Appreciate The Effort And Attendance Of The Folks That Were There. I Think Even Sheriff Scott Came Off Of Vacation Just To Come In For That Meeting. I Appreciate All The Work. But It Seemed To Me It Was More Like A Review Of What People Did, Instead Of What We Were Going To Do With The Budget In Terms Of Dollars. And My Question To The Staff Is, What Was The Intention Of That Meeting? Unless I Missed Something Completely.

The Intention Is Kind Of The Same That We Have With The Cities. We Ask The Constitutionals If They Have -- We Ask Board Members If There Were Any Specific Items They Want To Discuss With The Constitutionals. This Isn't The First Crack At Looking At The Constitutional's Budgets. Won't Be Submitted For June 1st For All Of Them. I'm Not Sure What Hard Numbers They'll Have. The Issues They Brought Up Were Things That They Had Discussed With Staff. And There Weren't Huge Surprises In That. We, Over The Years In Those Work Shops, Sometimes We've Made It Very Number Oriented. And Other Times We Haven't. We've Kind Of Gone Back And Forth. I'm Not Sure The End Result Has Changed Ultimately.

A Couple Things That Did Or Did Not Come Out Yesterday, And At The Very Beginning, I Think That Kathy Smith Was The One That Was Talking About Her Budget. She Was Able To Tell Us That She Was Going To Change Her Budget By The Tune Of \$78,000 I Think. At The Same Breath, We Had Staff Print Out The Net Change.

It Was About \$1500.

Something Like That, You Might Be Right. But The Point Being Was That If The Real Task Was -- So Rather Than Calculating What's The Build Out Number, \$16 Million. We Talked About \$78,000, Which Is Something We Really Couldn't Do Anything About Any Way.

As You Wanted Extra Equipment For The Future Election. I Guess I'm Comfortable With The Fact That I Only Spent Quite A Bit Of Time, Had An Opportunity To Cover Some Pretty Specific Subjects. I Think We Kind Of Missed The Mark On That One. I Don't Know What The Process For The Budget Is In The Next Few Months. I'd Just Like To Call Attention. We've Only Got About 4-5 Months Left. I'm Personally Looking For Some More Information And Some More Data. I Continue To Remind Folks That The Money In The Reserves Is Just About Gone. The Decisions That We Make Today. So I'm Just Saying It's Like We're Dragging Our Feet A Little Bit On The Budget Process. Not To Beat The Horse Here, But I'd Like To Find Out If We Could Be More Specific On What The Process Is Going To Be. Whether Or Not We're Going To Spend Closer Detail To Some Of The Programs Or If We're Just Gonna Wait Until The First Meeting That's Required By Law And Vote On It. Which Again, I'm Uncomfortable. Thank You.

Thank You, Commissioner Kiker, For Bringing It Up. I Was In The Meeting Also Yesterday. My Understanding Was This Is Our First Meeting For The Constitution. I'll Testify To That. I Understand Also The Concern About The Money. Obviously We Cannot Do The Complete Build Out. The Concern Was Brought Up -- We Have People And Our Facilities -- I Think Some Of Us Cost A Total Of \$16 Million. If You'd Like To Respond To Any Of The Questions About Build Out.

I Don't Need To Discuss The Subject.

If I'm Right, We're Gonna Have More Meetings With The Constitution. I Wasn't Sure What To Expect Either.

Commissioners, We Plan To Come Back With That \$14 Million Of Cuts At The May 20th Mid-Month Work Shop. So We're Aware Of That Charge. The Constitution Will Submit Their Budgets All By June 1st. On June 24th, We Have A Work Shop Where We'll Go Into Detail On Each Of Their Budgets And You'll Receive Their Line Item Budgets Prior To That. They're Kind Of In The Process Now Of Developing Their Annual Budgets. I'm Not Sure That They Have Hard Numbers. We Have Discussed,

At The Last Work Shop We Did Discuss Her Request For That \$3. 6 Million, Which Isn't A Formal Request Yet. Hopefully We Can Phase That In Over Several Years, Instead Of Biting That Off In One Big Chunk. There's Gonna Be An Opportunity To Go Into More Detail With The Constitutional's Budgets Coming Up. I Do Want To Clarify On The Build Out Of The Justice Center.

That Was About \$10 Million Over The Next Five Years. Roughly \$2 Million A Year. And We Took That Out Of The Budget Last Year Because That Is \$10 Million Directly From The General Fund Of The Next Five Years. The Choice We Had Was, Do We Fund That And Cut Services Or Do We Keep Our Services Whole And Defer That Until Things Get Better?

I Appreciate That. I Think Maybe At 20,000 Feet Looking At This, I Was Looking For Perhaps Even A Package Before We Get Out There In Terms Of What Information We're Going To Have To Review. But Along With That, What I Heard Without Real Numbers Being Given Is Everybody Was Pretty Much Satisfied That Things Are Gonna Be The Same Next Year As They Were This Year. And They Weren't Gonna Raise The Request For Budget. I Didn't Hear Anyone Talk About A 5% Decrease Or Any Plans To Make That Happen. So, Again, I'm Wondering Who's Leading The Parade Here In Terms Of What Kind Of Information We're Gonna Have Presented To Us. We Don't Have A Long Time Between Now And The Time That We Have To Set Our Budget. I Would Just Encourage That We Become A Little More Specific, A Little Bit More Finite In How We Proceed From This Point Forward.

Mr. Chair?

Commissioner Hall?

When This Board Voted, We Recognized That The Total Short Fall Was \$30 Million. We Said Take On 50%. And We Voted. I Don't Mind Bringing It Up Every Week, Or Every Other Week, But Also Recognized That That Was Not Gonna Come Back To Us Until May. It Frustrates Me That We're Gonna Criticize Staff When You Say, When Are You Bringing That Back. They Followed Up With An E-Mail. We've Got A Whole E-Mail That Lists Out All Of Our Budget Meetings, So That We're Aware Of Them. But I Think Maybe We Need To Figure Out A Way Where We Can All Be On The Same Page. So I Don't Know If They Need To Go Back In And Regroup That, And Talk About That Because We Will See That Then. And I Think That Staff Has

Been coming around and probably trying to chat with different commissioners at different times to see where everyone's heads are at, but we recognize that we said before we look at any other items, you guys have to come back and show us \$15 million in cuts. They're really looking for 13 additional million dollars in cuts. And they're gonna give them to us. And they've also given us a way to balance without any cuts. And we're gonna see that as well, all in May. For the constitutionals, it's an opportunity for them to start raising and making us aware of the concerns that they have as we work our way towards. I apologize, I had a family engagement yesterday and I couldn't be here. I just got back this morning. You know, it is frustrating, Commissioner Kiker. Part of just dove tailing on to you, we are working with less staff. And we're throwing a lot of stuff at them that goes beyond budget. One of my commissioner items was to stay focused and stop throwing things at them until after budget and to let them focus on the budget and to back off some of these other things that are not priorities, so that they have more time to focus on the budget. That's my concern right now. I think it's great to talk about 20/20; we have to talk about that. Right now our priority is our budget. I'd like to find a way that we can accommodate every commissioner who needs additional information. I need to make sure these guys have time to get you the information in an accurate, timely manner that you're comfortable with in the format that you're comfortable with. I think that's part of our challenge. Everyone has a different version of how they want to see this stuff. I don't know if we need to sit down and tell them how we want to see it. I'd like to get us all on the same page, so it doesn't look like our staff is not listening to what we're saying to them. I feel like we're kind of like the parking lot. We say something, but it's not getting heard or it's not getting executed in the way that everybody feels it should be executed. So Mr. Chairman, I feel for Commissioner Kiker. I want him to be able to get the information he needs and the format. Commissioner Kiker, how would you like us to accommodate where you feel like staff is responding to you appropriately? I don't want to continue every week to where you're feeling that way or not. Some of us feel they are, and you obviously feel they're not. And I think it's silly for us to keep beating on them. Let's just resolve it. Let's just resolve what we want and how we want it. We've given them a deadline, so I can't give them ten other things to do on top of that deadline.

I'd Love To Respond To That.

Commissioner Kiker?

First Of All, If You Think That I'm Criticizing And That's The Implication That You're Making, I Will Apologize. But I Guarantee That Having Participated In Successful Budgeting Processes Over The Past 5 Or 6 Years, That I Along With The Background That I Carry In Business, I Will Tell You That This Thing Is Going Nowhere Fast. So, Yeah, I Disagree With Your Philosophy. Let's Make That Really Plain Here. I Think That I Appreciate The Work That You're Doing. We're Talking About 20/20, Why Are We Talking About 20/20? They Brought It Up. I Didn't Bring It Up. Maybe This Is A Way To Balance The Budget Some Day. Go Right Back To Staff. They're The Ones That Brought It Up; Not Myself. That Is Not Criticizing Anyone. That Is Actually Taking Their Input And Saying, As A Board In Terms Of Policy Direction And Setting, What Are We Gonna Do With What They're Been Talking About For The Past 4-5 Months Since I've Been Here. Am I Right? Have Y'all Not Been Talking About This Since I've Been Here? One Of The Things That We Have Is 2020 Money. Has That Come Up?

No.

I'm Sorry, I'm Asking The Staff.

Directed To Doug.

The 2020 Conversation, I Think You're Referring To Is Where We Looked At A Redistribution Of Millage. Now That The 2020 Dedicated Millage Has To Be Brought In.

So I Would Just Use That As A Catalyst To Talk About 2020. I Don't Think That I Or Anybody Else Is Going Back To Them Asking Them For Information And Keeping Them Busy Doing Things Other Than Worrying About The Budget. The Budget Is Our Number One Priority Up Here. And I Will Bring It Up Every Chance I Get. I Think That There Is A Simple Way Of Doing Budgets. I Don't Think The Way That We're Going About It Is Simple. I Appreciate The Way You've Done Business In The Past. I Get It, Ok? But Somewhere Along The Way, Maybe We Need To Look At Something Different. Maybe There's Other Ideas. Maybe There's Other Avenues,

Maybe There's Other Revenue Sources. Maybe There's Another Way To Balance The Budget. We've Got Less Than -- Not Enough Money To Get Through The Next Year Or Two Hardly At All. My Perception Of How Things Are Looking. If We Need To Shift It In Higher Gear To Work With Staff, To Look For Ways To Accomplish A Better Budget. And I Don't Want To Wait Until The End And Have Them Come Up And Say, Ok. You've Either Got To Cut -- We've Got To Cut Services And Nobody Wants To. Which Is Gonna Be One Of The Choices. Are We Gonna Raise Taxes, Which Nobody Wants To? Which Could Be One Of The Choices. I'm Not Comfortable With The Process. You're Right. I'm Not.

But Commissioner Kiker, That's Why I'm Asking You. My Criticism Was Not Of The Other. We've Asked You To Cut \$14 Million, When Are You Gonna Get Around To It. That Was My Criticism. They Told Us We Were Gonna Get That Back On May. Having Said That, I'm Open To Doing Things Differently. I'm Asking You, How Would You Like To Do It Different? I'm Not Saying The Way We've Done It Is Right, I'm Not Saying We Should Keep Things The Way We Are. If It Can Be Simpler And More Streamline With Your Background And Your Experience, Tell Us. I Am Not Beholding To Any Process, None Whatsoever. But I Am Also Not Beholding To Talking About Something If You Say, It Can Be Done Better. It's Been Done This Way, But It Could Be Different. How Would You Like To See It Different? What Is It That You Want To See Different And How Can We Make It Simpler?

I'm All For Simple, Believe Me. I'd Love For The Public To Be Able To Breeze Through These Pages Without Having To Spend Years That We've Spent Trying To Figure It All Out. That's What I'm Looking For Is Direction From You.

Thank You. I Would Accept That As An Invitation To Work With Staff. Love To Do It.

You Obviously Have Something In Mind. So I Guess I'm Looking For That Input From You Other Than It's Too Complicated. So You're Just Saying You Want To Sit With Staff To Try To Simplify It. You Can Do That Now. You Don't Need My Permission To Do That.

I Would Go Back As Far As Yesterday Where We Had A Budget Meeting Which There Was No Criteria Developed Or Any Expectations Set. You Couldn't Get More Influential People In A Room Than You Had Yesterday And Have A Discussion On

How Are Things. So, As We Go Through This Process, Which Has Not Been Identified To Me Other Than There Was Some Legal Places Where We Have To Vote -- I've Got That Part Down. But I Really Think That We Need To Start Working On Either Projects, Revenues. There's All Sorts Of Different Things That Need To Be Discussed. So To Sit Here Right Now And Develop A Process For You On The Spot, Not Gonna Happen. I Think That You'd Want Staff's Input On That. I Would Want To Work With Staff To Make That Happen.

What I Hear Is You Want More Structure. On This Agenda, You Want More Structure That We're Gonna Have A Decision At The End. I Don't Disagree With That. One Of The Things That I've Always Complimented The Town On Is Whenever We Had Meetings, You Guys Were The Most Structured. They Were Very Efficient. You Had A Subject; You Had A Decision At The End Of That. And I Guess That's Where My Frustration Lies. I Thought We Made Those Decisions. I Have No Problems Supporting That. I Welcome That. It Certainly Would Give Staff Probably More Direction As Well. So I Welcome The Opportunity To See How You Can Bring Us To A Better Outcome Because You're Right. There's No Sense Of Talking In Circles. We Should Be Able To Get Down To Decisions. And Certainly Before We Break. Obviously Before The End Of June We Need To Be Giving Very Direct Direction To Them Regarding Budget. I Support That.

Thank You.

Commissioner Kiker, I Will Support You Working With Staff. I've Been Very Vocal About That In The Past. I Found A Simple Process To Make It More Transparent. I Support That.

Thank You.

Any Other Items?

I'm Done.

Commissioner Hall? Commissioner Items.

There's An E-Mail Going Back And Forth, And I Saw That Mr. Chairman, Your Comment Back To Christine Brady And Christine Brady's Comment Back To Us, Are We Gonna See That On A Blue Sheet To Determine If We're Gonna Go Out For Head

Hunter Or If We're Gonna Do That Internally? That's The Third Employee That's Employed By The Commission. It's A Weird Position.

Do You Want To Discuss That Now With Consensus From The Board What Direction We'd Like To Go With That?

We Hire The Hearing Examiner, And That's The End Of The Story.

I Understand That, John. We Have To Advertise For It. Do We Want To Bring A Head Hunter In To Advertise? Are We Gonna Blue Sheet That Request?

That's Fine.

That's What I'm Asking. I Don't Want To Leave It Limbo For Much Longer. Thank You.

That Was The Only Thing I Was Worried About. I Had A Conversation Yesterday And Asked Him If He Would Give Commissioner Mann A Call. I Did Put In The Request Verbally. I Know There's A Letter That We Pull This Issue Back And See If We Can't Work On It Through The Summer To Give Some Sense Of Inclusion. Because It Moves So Fast, Now There's A Sense Of Conspiracy. I Said I Don't Believe There Is Any. But At The Same Time, A Lot Of People Would Like To Have Some Input. While We Love This Commissioner Of Agriculture, We Never Know What Comes Down The Line. So The Fact That The Two Counties Don't Even Have A Voice -- I Have Not Heard Back. But It's Still Moving Somewhere. And I Want To Thank Gwen For Keeping On Top Of It As Well. But We'll See What Happens With It. That's The Latest And The Greatest On That. Thank You.

Thank You.

Oh, And I Want To -- For Giving The Resolution To The FGCU Basketball Team Last Night. Thanks For Sharing Our Congratulations With The Team And President Bradshaw.

How Did That Go?

Good. There Was About 500 People There For The Ceremony. As Far As The Property, Did You Receive A Letter From Commissioner Mann That He Sent Out To



The Board This Week? Commissioner Mann Asked If I Could Bring It Up.  
Consensus For That Letter.

Well, Yeah. Fine.

If I Understand Correctly, It's More Specific To Make Sure That We Have A Seat.

Thank You. And Also I Was Contacted, I Believe The Board Also Got An E-Mail From The School Board Asking If The Lee County Board Would Discuss The Possibility Of Partnership With The School District. I -- We Fought Through Some Conflict There. The School Board Has Different Issues Than Lee County Does.

I Agree.

I Think What Happened Was The School Board Obviously Has Different Issues As Far As Bussing, Education, Discipline. There Would Be A Lot Of Conflict There If We Brought Those Two Items Together.

Mr. Chair, I Know We Have Tons Of Advisory Boards. One Of The Things That We Need To Do Is Go Through Each Of The Advisory Boards And Regroup. The Advisory Board Should Be Advising The Board Of County Commissioners. We Don't See A Lot Of Input From A Lot Of These Advisory Boards. And How We Can -- It Costs Us Dollars, Staff Time, Minutes. They Have Some Form Of Financial Disclosure. So I Hope That We're Still Going Through And Seeing Where Consolidation Can Occur. And Over Time, Do We Still Need Those. I Know It's Always Very Controversial. But In Times Of Austerity And Making Sure That We're Focussing Our Energy And Efforts, That's What Those Boards Are Supposed To Be Doing. I Know At One Point In Time We Tried To Have A Cultural Board To Combine Them And That Didn't Work. And I See That We Have Several Vacancies On Our Black Advisory Board. But We Need To Probably Go Back Because We Really Do Want Advice From These Boards. We Want To Make Sure That The Ordinance Gives Them Direction. It's Not Willy-Nilly. It's Supposed To Be Specific To What We Need To Do. I Agree With You. I Don't Think Lee County School Board And Lee County Government Have The Same Issues.

I Attend The Meetings, And A Lot Of Time The Attendance Is Low. We Need Input, We Need Involvement. But I Think Bringing Another Entity In Would Create More

Dissension Between The Groups. But I Did Send A Letter Of Support From My Office For Them To Create An Advisory Committee. I Think It's Important For The Schools To Have That. Another Couple Of Announcements, Yes, I Attended FGCU. We Had A Great Turn Out Representing Lee County. We Presented The FGCU Team With A Banner. And Also This Week With The National Communication Week, We Did A Walk Through Yesterday. And I Urge You If You've Never Been To That Center, See What Our Staff Is Doing. You'd Be Surprised How Many Calls Are Coming In, What They're Doing, Saving Lives. Their Job They Have Is Really A Hard Job. They Spend 12 Hours A Day On The Phone And On The Radio In A Really Stressful Job. If You Get A Chance To Walk Through -- Commissioner Kiker Take A Chance And Stop By. I Have No Other Items. Committee Appointments? Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

None.

I Have None. Commissioner Hall?

None.

County Manager Items

Nothing Today.

County Attorney Items?

Commissioner, I Have One Item. They Are Advising Us Their Intention To Initiate The Conflict Resolution Procedure Under Chapter 164. Based On The Denial Of The Ordinance. We Are Asking At This Time If A Person From The Board Could Be Appointed As The Liaison For The First Initial Meeting.

I Would Nominate Commissioner Manning -- Weren't You Engaged Before?

I Didn't Think So. I'd Be Happy To Do It.

I'm Sorry. I'm Confusing The Seats. [Laughter]

Sorry. I Don't Know.

I Thought They Were Gonna Sue Us.

So We Have To Dance Before We -- I Got You.

Commissioner Manning, I Don't Know If The District Commissioner Would Like To Take It.

It's Fine. If You Want Me, I'll Be Glad To Do It.

Your District, So Offer It To You First. Do We Need To Vote On That, Andrea?

I'll Nominate Commissioner Kiker?

Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion, Commissioner Manning Makes Second. Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. Commissioner Kiker, You Got The Job.

Sorry, John. I Was Confused. There's So Many Of Them. [Laughter]

I Like Water.

Anything Else, Andrea?

No, Thank You.

Andrea, Are We Making An Update On Where We Are With The Letter Of Mediation? Are We Signed Off Now And Everything Is To Go?

Yes, We Are Finished With That.

Ok, Great.

Meeting Adjourned.

Thank You.