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Good Morning, Thank You For Joining Us.

April 23rd, 2013. Commissioner Kiker?

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman. There's A Lot Of Great Things That We Can Say About Roxy. She Was Known To Many As The First Lady Of Tourism. One Of The Things That She Was Probably Most Proud Of, In 2009, She Received The Award From This County Commission. I Know That Was One Of Her Favorite Honors. She Was A True Historic Treasure To The Community And To Lee County. Roxy Will Be Missed. She Will Not Be Forgotten. And Mr. Chairman, May We Have A Moment Of Silence In Her Honor, Please?

Please.

Good Morning. Join Me As We Pray. Almighty God, This Week As We Focus On Our Environment And This Good Earth You Created, May We Be Mindful Of The Beauty Of Our World And Our Duty To Care For It As Good Stewards. We Pray That They May Have Wisdom, Compassion And A Sense Of Justice In Leading And Making Decisions That Affect The Crown Of Creation, All Of Humanity. And Especially Their Stewardship On Behalf Of Lee County. May Their Decisions Reflect A Respect For All Our Citizens, The Powerful And The Weak, The Well Off And The Needy And All Of The Diversity Represented In Our Community. We Do Pray That You Would Be With The Family Of Roxy Smith, An Example Of Service Above Self In This County. And Father, That We Might Follow Her Example In Leading And Serving And Volunteering. Bless Us Now With Peace And Unity As We Pray. Amen.

Please Join For The Pledge Of Allegiance. I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America And To The Republic For Which It Stands One Nation Under God Indy -- Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All. Please Be Seated.

At This Time, We'll Go To The Ceremonies. The First Ceremony Is Going To Be The First Court Of The Employee Service Length Awards.

These Rewards Represent Collectively, 935 Years Of Service To Lee County Government. For Those Employees Present, As I Call Out Your Name, Please Step Forward To Receive Your Pen And Greet The Commissioners And County

Administration. Please Remain Off To The Side In Order To Take A Group Photo At The End Of The Presentation. As I Start Calling Each Group By Years Of Service, I Ask For Everyone In That Group To Congregate In The Back. Let's Get Started With The Five Year Recipients. With Five Years Of Service,

Casey Hagan.

[Applause]

John Brock, Economic Development.

[Applause]

Daniel Karan, Parks And Recreation.

[Applause]

Michael, Bauman, Utilities.

Nicholas, D.O.T. Operations.

[Applause]

If I Can Please Have Everyone With Ten Years Of Service Begin Congregating In The Back. With Ten Years Of Service,

Robin, Utilities.

[Applause]

Sherri, Public Safety.

David, D.O.T. Operations.

[Applause]

Kevin, Public Safety.

[Applause]

Patrick Lynch, Fleet Management.

[Applause]

Alexis Mcdonald, D.O.T. Tolls.

[Applause]

Rose Dunn, Library.

[Applause]

Frederick, Fleet Management.

[Applause]

Randy, D.C.D. Development Services.

[Applause]

Michael, Utilities.

[Applause]

Kevin Anderson, Utilities.

[Applause]

Larry Bloomfield, Utilities.

[Applause]

Congratulations.

With 15 Years Of Service, Christine Farley, D.O.T. Tolls.

Carolyn Stewart, D.C.D. Development Services.

[Applause]

Walter Butler, D.O.T. Operations.

Mary, Library.

[Applause]

Randy Painter, Fleet Management.

[Applause]

Harrison Thomas, Transit.

[Applause]

With 20 Years Of Service, Tammy Birch, D.O.T. Engineering.

[Applause]

Glen, Utilities.

[Applause]

May I Have Our 25 Years Of Service Please Congregate In The Back?

Linda, Library.

[Applause]

Marilyn, Fleet Management.

Rochelle Box, Transit.

Lily Wu, D.O.T. Engineering.

And With 30 Years Of Service,

Sharon Reynolds, D.C.D. Development Services.

Congratulations To All Of These Employees And Thank You For Your Years Of Service To Lee County.

[Applause]

Thank You To All The Employees For All Their Hard Work. As They Clear Out Of The Room, We Have A Few More Ceremonials. The Next Presentation Will Be By Commissioner Mann.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Ellen, Are You Here? Would You Come And Bring Your Friends With You? I'm Gonna Be Reading A Resolution Here Recognizing Trauma Awareness Week. Ellen Is Somebody Who Knows Trauma Personally As Her Daughter --

My Son.

Sorry. Another Survivor. Her Son Was A Survivor And Knows Trauma And Trauma Care Firsthand. The Resolution Reads As Follows. Where As, Trauma Awareness Month Is Designed To Raise Regional Attention To Trauma And What Must Be Done To Reduce The Devastating Impact Of Traumatic Injuries. And Where As Trauma Is The Leading Cause Of Death For All Floridians Between The Ages Of 1-44 Every Year. With Someone In Florida Being Traumatically Injured Every 12 Minutes, Enough To Fill All Of Jermaine Arena. Where As Motor Vehicle Crashes And Falls Resulting In Blood Force Trauma -- And As Where As In 2011, More Than 2200 Floridian Residents And Visitors In Our Lee County Trauma Services District Area Were Treated At The Trauma Center In Lee Memorial Hospital. 2200 People In One Year. And Whereas, National Studies Show That Patient Mortality Is Reduced 15-20% When The Patient Is Treated For Traumatic Injuries In A Trauma Center Rather Than In A Non-Trauma Center. And Whereas There Are More Than 1.2 Million Residents In The Lee County Trauma Services District Comprised Of Charlotte, Collier, Glades And Lee County. And Whereas Recognition Is Due For Our Lee County Trauma Services District For It's Accomplishments And Contributions To Improve Public Welfare By Providing Quality Trauma Care For All Residents And Visitors, Injury Prevention, Out Reach, Education And Research, Disaster Preparedness And Response. And Demonstrating That An Effective Trauma Center Saves The Lives Of Our Residents And Visitors. Be It Resolves That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida Does Hereby Extend Greetings And Best Wishes To Those Observing Trauma Awareness Month Duly Signed This Day By Our Chairman Cecil Pendergrass. Thank You For Bringing To Our Attention What The Trauma Center Does And How Important It Is To Individuals. Thank You Very Much.

[Applause]

Now Come And Get Your Picture Took. And Then We'll Call On You To Say A Word Or Two. Don't Put Your Speech Away.

Thank You For Supporting Their Families And The Members Of The Families And People That Are Lost To Trauma As Well. Thank You.

Thank You, Ladies.

[Applause]

Thank You Again For Coming. Our Next Ceremony Can I Have Lori Burke? Thank You For Coming. And Thank You For What You Do.

Thank You Very Much For This Proclamation, I Appreciate It Very Much. More Than 5,000 Young People Die Each Year Of Underage Drinking And Related To Underage Drinking. I Am A New Employee For M.A.D. I've Worked Now For About Two Months. And Your Warm Reception Is Greatly Appreciated. Thank You.

Thank You For Everything You Do.

[Applause]

Keep Up The Good Work. At This Time, We'll Move On To The Recap. We Have One Carry Over Item To Defer To May 13th. Any Objection? Next Item Is C-7b. At This Time We'll Move On To Public Comment. I'll Call Your Names For Public Comment. You Have Three Minutes. The Lights Will Be Working There For Your Notification. The First Speaker Is Bill Wright.

We're Maintaining That The Exemption They Utilized The Regulations Written By The State Of Virginia Which Is Very Different From Florida. The Farm Buildings Are Floating In Floodplains Into Roads, Blocking Emergency Services And Damaging Other Properties Where Florida, This Is Not The Same Issue. We're Negotiating With -- We Think That All Exemptions For Agriculture Should Be Maintained. We Already Deal With Regulatory Management We Feel That's All That's Needed At This Point. So We Ask That You Delay Any Move Forward With Regard To This Flood Ordinance Issue.

I Thought Maybe It's Under Our Plan Amendment? It Wasn't On The Agenda Today.

The Number That You Have Here For Agenda 14 Part B.

That's What I Thought, It Must Be The Land Development Code For The Public Hearing.

Commissioners, We'll Speak To Them Because We Think It's A Separate Issue. But We'll Be Happy To Talk To Them.

Today's Agenda Is Just To Move It To Public Hearing, Not To Discuss It.

Next Speaker, Anne Pierce.

I'm A Little Confused On When I'm Supposed To Speak About Transit.

You Can Speak Now, This Is For Public Comment.

Thank You. Well, I'm Here Representing Bike Walk Lee. We Would Like To Express Our Views On The Transit Special Management Committee, The Request To Establish Such A Committee. This Light Is Red Already. And I've Only Just Started. [Laughter]

We Would Encourage The Commissioners To Approve This Committee. I Attended A Number Of The Transit Task Force Meetings And Had The Privilege Of Watching This Group Of Very Committed Individuals Plow Through Masses Of Information And Research. To The Future Transportation To Road Build Their Way Out Of Congestion And To Fill Their Other Community Oibly -- Obligations. They Have Made A Very Aggressive Commitment To A Mode Shift For Financial Reasons But Also For Economic Development Reasons. They Want To Attract The Next Generation Of Educated, Young Professionals Who Just Are Not Interested In Being Dependent Upon An Automobile. So We Would Very Much Urge Your Approval Of This Request For The Establishment Of The Transit Special Management Committee. Thank You.

Thank You.

At This Time, Are There No Other Cards For The Public Comment? Now We Will Do Consent Agenda. Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

None.

I Have None. Commissioner Mann?

None.

Commissioner Hall?

None.

Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection? Motion Carries. Administrative Agenda.

I'll Move 8-A, Mr. Chairman.

Second.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Kiker Seconds. Any Discussion?

Yeah, I Do.

Commissioner Hall?

Did We Choose --

For The Record, Yes We Did.

I Read The Blue Sheet And I Understand Their Experienced Background. But We Have So Many Engineering Firms On That List. This Isn't A Big Project. It Just Kind Of Surprises Me That We'd Require An Engineering Firm To Do A Waiver. Because If Anything Goes Wrong, Who Do They Represent? They're Gonna Have To Pick A Client At The End Of The Day. And It Just Bothers Me That We Have 30 Engineering Firms, All Of Them At The Same Caliber That I Have To Waive A Conflict Of Interest When I Have So Many. This Isn't A Major Project. So I Can't Imagine That That Expertise Is So Narrowly Formulated That None Of The Other Firms Could Accomplish This Project Without Having To Waive A Conflict Of Interest.

We Have Realized The Significant Cost Savings. They Have Done Some Preliminary Work On Their Behalf During This Water Study. If You Recall The I-.75 Widening. That's Within The Brooks C.D.D. We'd Ultimately Have To Go To Them And Their Engineer To Coordinate This Work. So Understanding That First We Have Mutual Interest At This Project Being Completed. We Felt There To Be A Major Cost Savings In This Particular Instance.

I Guess I Would Have Liked To Have Seen What That Savings Was So That It Would Be More Than Just Easy. Obviously We Have To Waive Conflicts Of Interest. I Never Know Down The Road What Happens. But I Have No Issue With Them, I Just Have A Problem When I Have 30 Engineering Firms On A Contract. I Can't See That I'm Saving Any Money. I Don't Know That Because You Didn't Talk To Any Other Engineering Firms Or No One Said Anything. So It Just Kind Of Bothers Me. I'm Not Gonna Support It Just For That Principle. But I Think They're A Great Firm.

Any Other Discussions Or Questions For Staff? Any Objections?

Yes.

One Objection, Motion Carries 4-1.

I Have Been Unbelievable Privileged To Serve On The Board For The Last Two Cycles. And I Believe Very Strongly That We Need A Fresh Perspective. So I Believe That Maybe I Should Retire For This Cycle.

I'd Like To Offer Our Two New Commissioners An Opportunity To Serve.

Second.

Last Time I Checked, I've Already Had That Assignment.

Did You Really?

Conflicted Out On Fridays.

I Would Love To Take One For The Team. I Would Ask For My Name To Be Drawn Because Of All The Extra Duties Of The Chairman, And I'm Pretty Loaded Up Now. If It's Needed To Be, I Will Do It For The Team.

I'll Take The Hit For The Chair, Simply Because I Have Rotated Off For The Last Two Years. So I'll Take One Of Those Spots. But Commissioner Kiker, You Should Continue On.

I'm Certainly In The Groove. I'll Be Glad To Accept That.

What A Guy.

I'd Be Happy To Do It Next Year.

So We Need A Different Motion.

I Will Nominate Commissioners Hall Commissioner Kiker For The Privilege.

Commissioner Manning Makes Second. Any Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries.

I'm Taking Extra Cookies. [Laughter]

I'll Be Campaigning Hard For That Job.

Mr. Chairman, I'll Move The Carry Over Item Number One.

We Have One More Admin, 7-B.

Mr. Chairman --

It Was Carryover Item No. 1.

Mr. Chairman, I'd Like To Pull This Item. I Appreciate The Folks That Are Here. But I'm Kind Of Dismayed At The Level -- We Said Let's Go Ahead And Establish A Committee That Can Help Us Work With Transit. It Wasn't A Fast Track To Put On As A Referendum A Transit Authority. That Was Part Of This. That Was Not Our Objective. When I Read Through The Administrative Code, It Is Very Much Directed That We're On A -- I'm Extremely Uncomfortable With This Group Meeting With Our Municipalities. I'm Not Uncomfortable Putting Together A Committee To Work With Transit On Our Behalf To Pull Together Ideas And Budget. But I'm Not Prepared -- The Way This Is Written, I'm Very Uncomfortable With It. Extremely Uncomfortable. And This Has Been My Issue For The Last Five Years. I Pushed To Get This Committee Together, But I'm A Little Bit Dismayed At The Make Up Of The

Committee, The Size Of The Committee And The Goals And Objectives. Nowhere In Here Does It Talk About Working With Us On Our Budget, Our Existing Budget. It Really Is Directed To Number One, Form This Transit Authority. And They Want To Meet With Municipalities This Coming Month And Come Back To Us And Make A Presentation, We're Not Even Close To Having A Conversation With Municipalities. Commissioner Kiker Has Come To Us To Look At Infrastructure, Sales Tax To Deal With How We're Gonna Deal With Our Roads And Other Things. So I Think This Should Be One Of Their Objectives. It Was Never Meant To -- This Group Was Never Meant To Do That. This Group Was Meant To Be, That Was One Idea. But It Has Totally Targeted That. Secondly, They're Asking To Repair A Budget For A Public Education To Put A Transit Authority On A Referendum, We're Not Even Close To Having That Yet. There's So Many Issues. So I Would Like To Work With The County Attorney's Office And The Liaison To This Group And Bring Something Back That Was More In Line With What This Board Wanted. This Administrative Code Is Way Too Heavyweighted And I'm Uncomfortable. 15 Member Committee? Our Idea Was To Set This Up As If It Was A Transit Authority. You've Got Non-Voting Members, It's Heavily Weighted In One Area Versus Another Area. I Just Can't Support It The Way It's Written Right Now. And Having Worked On This Since 2001 And Serving As The Commissioner With The Municipalities Trying To Get It Through Our Locals On Transit, I'm No Way Prepared To Unleash A Committee On To Our Cities To Talk About A Transit Authority. We're Just Not There Yet. And No Way Are We Gonna Be There In Two Weeks. So I Need To, I Would Ask That The Board Pull This And I Would Ask For The Board To Allow Me To Work With Staff And With Steve To Try And Get This Back To Where I Think The Board Was Going With This. I've Been A Champion Of This For A Long Time. But I'm Just Very Uncomfortable With The Way It's Written.

I Will Second Your Motion For That. I Think Staff Is Not Ready For This Yet. I Don't Think We Are Either. I Guess We Do Need A Vote For This.

Yeah, My Motion Is That We Postpone It Indefinitely. And I'd Like The Board To Allow Me To Work With Staff And Ms. Keys To Formulate Something We Can Take Back To The Committee And Look At And Bring It Back At A Time That's Appropriate.

Do You Have Any Comments You'd Like To Add?

No, We'd Be Happy To Take A Second Look At It.

Ok.

Thank You.

Any Discussion For The Board? Any Objection?

Thank You.

No Objection, Motion Carries.

Public Hearing Number One.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Assistant County Attorney. I Have Before Me The Affidavit Of Publications For This Morning's Hearing. And I Will Enter It Into The Record. To Allow The Operation Of Golf Carts On County Maintained Road Ways That Are Located On Pine Island.

This Time We'll Open Up Public Comment. First Speaker, Anne Pierce.

Thank You, Again. Last April, We Sent A Letter Regarding The Request To Have Golf Carts On Site Paths In Pine Island. And Then We Sent Another Letter In April Of This Month. And We Would Like To Express Our Support For The Ordinance As It's Written That Would Allow Golf Cart Use On Road Ways By Statute As Allowed By State Statute. These Vehicles Can Have Significant Traffic Calming Effects. And They're A Very Energy Efficient Mode Of Transport And They Belong On The Road Way. And We're Glad To See That The Ordinance, As Currently Submitted, Would Prohibit These Vehicles On The Side Paths. Those Are Pathways That Were Designed And Built Exclusively For Non-Motorized Traffic. So We Would Support The Ordinance As Written.

Thank You. Next Speaker, Nathan?

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I Apologize For Coming In On This Late. As A C.P.A. By Profession, I've Been Working 90 Days Straight. I Got Off Last Week And Went To My House That I've Had For 23 Years On Pine Island And Got On My Golf Cart And Road Around That There Was Gonna Be An Ordinance Passed Today. And I've Had A Golf Cart Out There For Over Ten Years, I Think. I Fully Accept The Ordinance Expect For Four Words. I've Passed Out A Thing There. The Ordinance, And This Is Page 2 Section 1 Paragraph 3. And It Says, Between The Bridge. The Reason Why That Is Not Good, If You Happen To Know About That Area, If You Put The Words The Jug Creek Bridge, You Cannot Get To The Restaurant. We Have Two

Restaurants At That End Of The Island. Literally, No One, The People On The Other Side Of The Bridge Or The People Could Get To That Restaurant Legally Based On This Ordinance. I Understand That The Way These Things Are Written, It's Hard To Get Changed. But What I'd Like You To Do Is To Act Where D.O.T. Can Look At It. I've Talked To Mr. Loveland. And He Has Said That He Would Be Happy To Have His Staff Look At This To See If We Could Get It Moved Back To Quail Trail And Still Make It Safe. We're Talking About Less Than 1,000 Feet. There's Already A 30 Mile An Hour Speed Limit Very, Very Close To Where Quail Trail Starts. It'd Be Moving Less Than 1,000, Maybe Even 500 Feet Back At The Very End. So I Would Truly Appreciate If You'd Like Into That And Allow That To Happen. Because It Would Open Up The Island To People That Would Be Able To Use It. From Where I Live, You Can't Get There. So I Would Appreciate That. Thank You.

Thank You. Next Speaker, Charles.

My Thoughts Are To Make Them Street Legal. That They Have A Tag On Them And They Are Required To Have Insurance. That's My Very Big Problem With This.

Other Than That, There Was Supposed To Be The D.O.T. To Have Gone Over This. And It Seems Like They've Approved It. But To Look At That And Have Golf Carts Going Down Can't Achieve The Speed Limit That Looks Like Nothing But A Hazard To Me. So I Do Believe That That Should Be Looked At Before Anything Is Passed. Also, They Should Be Tagged Because It's A Motorized Vehicle And It's Using Our County Maintained Roads. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You. Next Speaker, Phil?

Thank You, I Am Phil. First, I'd Like To Thank The People Of Pine Island. We Had About 4 Or 5 Town Hall Meetings To Write This Ordinance. It Was A Lively Discussion. At The Final Town Hall Meeting, The Vote To Submit To You What You See In Front Of You Was Unanimous. Everybody Supported What You See In Front Of You. But There Were People Who Wanted More. We Did Not Permit Golf Carts On Either Pine Island Road Or String Fellow Road. These Are 55 Mile Roads. And The Section Nathan Brought Up Is 45-55 Miles An Hour. That's Above The Minimum Allowed For Golf Carts. It Does Not Follow Traffic Standards. In The Future, When There's More Development And Speed Limits Are Lowered Or We Develop Alternative Paths To Get To Some Of These Places, Of Course We Can Make Changes. But Right Now, We Cannot Put 20 Mile An Hour Golf Carts In 40-50 Mile Speed Zones. A Lot Of People Wanted To Go On The Bike Path. But The Funding Under Which The Bike Path Was Built Does Not Allow Golf Carts, Federal Funding.

So That Sort Of Ends That. Matt Would Have Liked To Be Included, But Right Now With The Construction And The Extreme Traffic Jams There, We Could Not See That Either. Beyond That, What You See In Front Of You Has Been Approved By Pine Island. By The Way, There Were People Also Who Wanted To Take Golf Carts At Night. We Did Not Approve That. The Question Of Insurance Did Come Up, As Well As Tags. Insurance Is Not Required Or Tags For Bicycles Or Golf Carts In The State Of Florida. And Other Parts Of Lee County That Have Golf Carts, Boca Grand, Do Not Require Insurance. Insurance Is A Fairly Debatable Proposition. But If You're Gonna Apply It, You Have To Apply It Throughout The County, Not To Just One Segment Of The County. I Suggest If You Want To Take That Issue Up, You Do So Later Isolated To Itself And Applicable To All Of Lee County. Thank You Very Much. Appreciate It.

Thank You. Next Speaker Is Frank.

It Does Not Represent All The Citizens Or Residents Of St. James City. A Golf Cart Cannot Go 20 Miles An Hour --

Can You Speak Into The Mic, Sir?

On Sanibel Boulevard, It's 30 Miles An Hour. So If They're Going 20, That's 30. Secondly, There Have Been People Walking Their Dogs With Golf Carts On A Leash. They Pull Over To Visit Their Neighbors, They Don't Pull Over. There's Also Been Incidents Where There's Been Carts Used, Alcoholic Beverages Being Used And Children In The Carts With Them. Children Driving Golf Carts. I Don't Recall, But Aren't You Supposed To Have A Driver's License To Use A Golf Cart? Isn't That In The Proposal?

Yes.

A Valid Driver's License. If You Can't Get One, That Means You Can't Drive One, Correct? There's No Doctors, There's No Pharmacies, There's Nothing There. So It's Really A Minute Point About Saving Energy And Being Able To Self Serve Yourself For Groceries Or Anything Like That. And Finally, If Golf Cart Drivers Were Taught How To Pull Over And Let Cars And Trucks Pass Safely, Maybe There Wouldn't Be As Much Concern Or Controversy. Would You Expect Them To Change Their Behavior Just Because It Becomes Illegal? They've Been Operating Golf Carts Illegally Now. So That's Another Question For You To Look At. Secondly, If This Proposal Is Written, I'm Sure That People Who Do Own A.T.V.S Will Be Asking If A Golf Cart Can Go On The Street, Why Can't I Go On The Street? St. James City Was

Not Designated With Golf Cart Paths. I Request That This Proposal Be Rejected In It's Entirety. And I Thank You For Your Time.

Thank You.

At This Time, I Have No Other Public Comment Cards. We'll Close Public Comment And Come Back To Board With Discussion. At This Time, We'll Close Public Comment And Come Back To Board For Discussion.

Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Mann?

I Have To Thank The Folks Out On Pine Island In General Who Worked On This Proposal For Quite Some Time Now. It's Been At Least A Year And A Half. And There Have Been Iteration After Iteration. We'll Have To Monitor This Very Closely. But I Will Go Ahead And Move The Ordinance As Presented.

I'll Second For Discussion.

Commissioner Hall Seconds.

Do You Want To Have The Opportunity To Go Back And Look In The Future At The Judd Creek Bridge Area?

Yes.

Ok, So That's Part Of Your Motion. And I Just Want To Say To Everyone In The Audience, It's Always A Challenge When We Make Change. It's Never Easy. But We've Seen This Go Forward. And I Think You All Are Our Best Monitors Of This As Well. The Sheriff's Office Will Obviously Be Aware Of It As Well. I Hope For Those Of You Who Feel It's A Negative Will See That It's A Positive For Your Community. Over Time, We've Been Able To Sustain And Have A Positive Impact To The Island And To Those Areas. So I Hope That We'll See The Same Thing Out Here As Well.

Commissioner Mann?

Mr. Chairman, Just To Clarify Mr. Stout's Concern Here. I Would Hope That The Motion Would Be Crafted In A Manner So That It Doesn't Have To Come Back. I Spoke With Him Last Night And I Spoke To Mr. Loveland This Morning. And What

Mr. Loveland Has Told Me Is They Would Like To Review The Whole Thing. And If They Are Changing They Can Make, Let Him Review That First But Authorize Them To Include That If Our D.O.T. Feels Like It's Ok. So They Don't Have To Go Through Another Hearing And Get On Back Here.

We Have A Public Notice Issue If You're Gonna Be Including Provisions Like That Without An Opportunity For The Public To Comment On Those Proposals. So What You Can Do Today Is To Adopt The Ordinance And Then Direct Staff To Further Investigate That. And If Necessary, We'll Bring Back An Amendment For Consideration And That The Public Would Have An Opportunity To Comment On.

You Have To Go Through The Hearing Process Again?

Yes, Sir. I Was Hoping To Circumvent That. Thank You. Never Mind. Mr. Chairman, While I've Got The Floor. Let Me Say, I'm Sorry To Say This To The Folks Who Have Been Working A Year And A Half On This. I Have Two Concerns That Trouble Me Greatly. One Is Length And Breadth Of Pine Island. There's An Awful Amount Of Roads Involved Here. I'm A Golf Cart Owner, Recovering Golf Cart Driver. It's A Safety Factor. I Have Just A Nightmare About What Could Happen With Literally Hundreds Of Golf Carts. That's A Safety Factor On Pine Island. The Second Concern Is The Precedent. I Told This To Mr. Stout Last Night. He And I Are Some Of The Few Natives Of Our Age From Lee County. And He's From Lehigh. Where We Allow Them Today, Like On Boca Grand. That's Teeny Little Islands With Barely A Lot Of Traffic. It's A Very Controlled Traffic Environment. This Is Such A Huge Precedent That It Frightens Me. I Just Read The Resolution On Trauma This Morning. I'm Afraid They're Gonna Be Somehow Matched Together Here. I'm Just Very Uncomfortable. I'm Very Sorry. It's Not Something I Feel Comfortable Supporting This Morning.

I Personally Am A Golf Cart Owner Too. I'm In A Gated Community. And I Will Tell You, With 3,000 Residents And About 3,000 Golf Carts It Can Be A Useful Tool But It Also Can Be A Headache. I Will Support This Measure Today. But I'm Telling You, The Residents Of Pine Island, It's A Good Thing To Police Yourself With This. In My Community, We Had 12-Year-Olds Driving Golf Carts And 50-Year-Olds Driving Under The Influence. You're Gonna Have Those Headaches. The Sheriff's Department Is Going To Monitor This Very Closely. I Understand The Man's Concern About The Insurance. If A Golf Cart Strikes Your Vehicle, Your Insurance Will Be Picking Up The Tab At The End Of The Day. We've Had People Here In Lee County Get Killed On Golf Carts. They Can Be Dangerous. You Can Have Golf Carts Up To 35 Miles Per Hour. You're Going 35 On A Golf Cart Without Seat Belts And Hit

Another Vehicle, You're Gonna Be Suffering Some Serious Injuries. I Understand Why The Community Wants It. It's A Great Thing To Use In A Small Restricted Area. But The Problem Is The Boundaries And How Far Are People Gonna Go. If They Try To Go To Pine Island Road To Go Shopping, There's Gonna Be Issues There. But Good Luck With It. And We'll Be Monitoring It. If It Passes Today, We Can Change It In The Future. Any Other Discussion? Any Objection To The Motion?

Yup.

Motion Carries 4-1. Thank You.

[Applause]

Next Item Is Walk On.

Move The Items.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion.

Second.

Commissioner Hall Seconds.

Any Other Discussions From The Board? No Discussion, Motion Carries 5-0.

Walk Item Number Two?

This Is For The Hearing Examiner. I'd Like To Get Some Thoughts On What We're Actually Going To Do.

Commissioner Manning?

I Have No Problem Going Through Murray And Associates For This Transaction. However, I Think It Would Be Easier And Cheaper To Let Us Choose The Next Hearing Examiner. I'm Baiting Myself A Little Bit. But I Don't Think We Need To Do A Recruitment On This One, I Really Don't. That's Just My Initial Thought. I'll Go Along With What The Board Wants To Do If We Have Some Consensus. But I'd Like To Get This Process Going As Soon As Possible.

I Agree With Commissioner Manning On This Process. Obviously We Need

Somebody In Florida Law For This Position. I Think Internally We Should Be Able To Handle That. And I Think We Also Have Some Great Candidates Locally For That.

Mr. Chairman, This Is A Weird Position. Because The Hearing Examiner, We Can't Interact And See How They Operate Obviously Because Of Zoning Cases. We Don't Interact As A Board With The Hearing Examiner Very Often. I'm Comfortable With Doing An Internal Search, But I'd Like To Possibly Have The County Attorney's Office Work With H.R. On That. They Do Work With The County Examiner In Helping Us Craft In The Beginning What Was Gonna Be The Hearing Examiner.

-- I Doubt We'll Be Able To Have A Hearing Examiner On Board. So I'd Like To Put In Place, Or A Thought Process Of What We Want To Do For How Long We're Delayed. We're Starting To See Cases Come In On A Regular Basis And I'd Hate To Get Behind. So I'd Like For This Team To Talk With The Staff Now And See If They Think We Need To Have Some Folks That Maybe Aren't Interested In The Job Or Are Interested. I Know That There's Some Concern Out There In The Community That The Schedule, If We Delay Or Have To Go Longer Will Start To Back Cases Up. So I'd Like Maybe For Them To Give Us A Recommendation Of What They Think. Because I Don't Know. I Don't See The Case Load. I'll Support A Motion To Do It In House With Having The County Attorney's Office Assist Whoever Feels The Best And Most Appropriate. And Then Also To See If We Need To Prepare For An Interim Spot.

Do You Have Anything To Add To That? Since You're Gonna Be Doing The Work.

Commissioner, Christine Brady For The Record. We've Fairly Laid Out What The Board's Options Are. We Certainly Can Handle The Recruitment Inside With The Existing Staff, Be Able To Prepare A Plan To Get Back To You Guys This Week As Far As Where We Would Recommend Advertising For This As Well As Working With The Hearing Examiner Staff. And Mary Gibbs From D.C.D. Has Also Offered Her Assistance. She Was Here For The Last Recruitment As Well. We've Presented The Options To You And We're Comfortable With Going With Any One Of The Four.

Mr. Chairman, Just Let Me Understand How This Will Work. You're Gonna End Up Brings Three Names, Five Names Back For Interview. When Does It Get Back To Us? What Would You Think Or Suggest?

You Know, It's A Little Early To Tell. It Depends On How Many Viable Candidates We'll Get.

If There's 50, I Don't Want To Interview 50.

Once The Recruitment Closed, We Would Go Through Minimum Qualifications And Take A Look To See Where There Was A Natural Break. We Would Be Looking To You For Direction Throughout. So If We Got 50 Candidates Or If We Got 10 Candidates, We Would Be Bringing That Information Back With What We Feel The Appropriate Recommendation Would Be As Far As The Next Step In The Process.

Well, The Role And The Responsibility Of The Hearing Officer Is Very Important. But It's Fairly Limited In Scope. I Would Be Happy To Trust Your Collective Wisdom Here In Bringing Us Back A Limited Number. I'd Be Happy With Three For Interviews, However We'll Proceed At That Point. Five I Could Live With, But Three Would Be My Preference. Let's Resolve This So We Know What's Going On. We Need To Get On This And Keep It Moving. I Don't Want To Come Back Here And Then Take Another Month And Say, We're Gonna Make It 5 Or 6 And Have To Invite Them Down To Pay Their Way. Can We Get Some Finality So That This Will Be, When We Finish Talking About It Until The Interviews.

Let Me Re-Craft The Motion. I Really Thought We Did Have That Finality. My Motion Is That We Go Ahead And Advertise Internally Through H.R. With The Assistance Of Community Development, County Attorney's Office And Short List 3-5 Candidates To Come Back For Interviews With The County Commission. Is That Better?

I'm Ok With 3-5.

Second.

Commissioner Manning Seconds. Any Other Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries.

And The Other -- If We Can't Get This Done By The Last Day That Ms. Parker Has. I Don't Know What The Case Load Is. I'm Not Sure. I Don't Want To Get 10-12 Cases Behind. They'll Let Us Know.

I'm Just Wondering Whether Ms. Parker Has Got Her Harley Already Fired Up And She Wants Out Of Here Or Whether She Would Extend Her Stay A Month, Six Weeks.

That's For Them To Come Back And Tell Us. We May Not Need Anyone. We May Be Able To Wrap It All Up By July 5th And It Won't Be A Problem.

That Is One Option Other Than A Drop Dead Date We Have To Have A Temporary Person Come.

Is She Retiring?

My Understanding Is She's Just Retiring.

Well That Option Is Part Of The Discussion And Process.

According To County Attorney's Office --

I Will Verify That And Send You An E-Mail With The Appropriate.

If She's Gonna Drop, That's Her Last Day --

Then We Go To Plan B.

Thank You.

Thank You.

Next Carryover Item Number 2.

Did We Call The Question?

I Thought We Did. We Did Vote.

Ok. I Missed It Yesterday. [Laughter]

Carryover Item Number 2.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Mann Makes The Motion. Second. Any Discussion?

Let's Just Be Clear On What We're Doing.

Commissioners, For The Record, County Administration. This Item, Commissioners, Is To Request Your Approval To Go Ahead And Sell The Bonds For The Minnesota Twins Stadium Improvements. Roughly, We Would Sell About \$42 Million Of Bonds

To Yield A Project Of \$32.6 Million For The Bonds. So It's A Total Improvement Cost Of \$42.5 Million. Just A Couple Items Of Note. We've Gotten Ratings On These Bonds. Fitch Was A Double -A. Those Are Very Good Ratings For These Bonds. We Have Kelly, Our Financial Adviser From Dunlap And Associates Here. Steve, Our Bond Council. And The Next Item Kind Of Goes In Tandem With In. Andrea Will Present That. That's The Agreement With The State To Receive \$15 Million For The Improvements. And David Owen Is Here For That Item Also. So We'd Be Happy To Answer Any Questions.

Mr. Chairman, I Would Just Add That I'm Particularly Grateful To Commissioner Kiker For The Extra Effort That You Went To In Reviewing All This. And For Bringing Them In. I Think We All Have The Highest Regard For His Background And Experience In These Matters. I Would Yield To Commissioner Kiker For Any Additional Comments That Might Bring Comfort Or Fear.

Well, I'm Gonna Go For The Fear Side If That's All Right. I Apologize. But On Good Conscience, I Just Have A Very Difficult Time Going Through Bonding At This Point In Time Without Exhausting All Our Resources, Whether Or Not We Can Fund This Internally And Make It As Specific As I Can. We Would Be Able To Pay Back The \$36 Million Plus 1.5% Interest. And At The Same Time, Put In A Savings Account Or On Reserve, \$43 Million In T.D.C. And You Do That Or You Can Spend \$110 Million And Have Nothing At The End Of It In 30 Years. Without Going Through All The Scenarios, I Want To Choose To Save The \$50 Million. I Think That's Exactly What We Have In Front Of Us. At This Point In Time, I Am Not Sure Why We're Borrowing Money This Second Until We Do Exhaust Those Resources. I Don't Understand It. So I'm Not In Favor Of It. I Think That We Should Be Instructing Staff To Pursue Any Money With Any Scenarios That They Can Develop That We Can Discuss. I'm Not Supporting This At All.

Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Hall?

How Do You Get A 1.5 Percentage Interest Rate.

Correct Me If I'm Wrong, I Think That's One Of The Requirements If You Borrow Money Internally. You Have To Give Some Interest.

But Normally We Don't Borrow Our Money At A Lesser Rate Than What The Best Interest Rate Out There Is. Because We Feel, We Try To Go By On What We're

Getting In Our Investments Minimally.

So 1.5 Was A Discussion That We Had With The Clerk. Because That's What We Were Earning On Our Investment. So We Had To Match What We Were Earning For Them To Take That Out Of Reserves. We Weren't Gonna Pay Less Than What We Were Earning. I Don't Know What We're Earning Right Now. It's Not That That Was A Base. We Were Not Gonna Take The People's Money And Charge Less Than What We Would Have In Our Investment. But I Get Know We've Got The 1.5. Secondly, What Fund Were You Recommending This \$43 Million Come From?

I'm Going Through All The Scenarios. I'm No Expert On This One, But That Would Be The Instructions We Give The Staff To Go Seek And Conquer And See What Is Available.

We Only Have Maybe Two Unrestricted Funds We Could Draw This \$43 Million From. We Can't Draw And Take Out Of Impactee Accounts. What Other Funds Are There, Pete, That You Could Draw \$43 Million Off Of As A Loan Internally?

Commissioners, I Guess Some Options Would Be A General Fund. You Have Reserves In The General Fund. You Also Have Significant Amount Of Reserves -- These Are Policy Issues, Obviously. And Your Conservation 2020 Land Acquisition Fund And Management Fund. Those Are All Three Funds That Derive County Wide Property Taxes. Because This Would Be A Property Tax, Internal Loan So To Speak.

But Again, Go Down The Road That Commissioner Kiker Is Going Down. Those Are Basically Funds That Don't Have Long Term. If We Take That Cash Out, We're Done. So That Cash Is Gone. And Right Now, We're Dwindling Those Reserves For Other Things. But Having Said That, That's Certainly A Policy Decision We Could Make To Draw Those Funds Down Now. Much Quicker Than Other Things. We Just Have To Make Some Other Decisions. But I Want To Make Sure, And Just For The Record, We Couldn't Go For A Policy Decision, We Could Go Into Utility Reserves, Pull Them Out, Pay For This And Then Pay Back With T.D.C. Funds. That Would Be Legal, Wouldn't It? I'm Looking For Funds. I Don't See. I'm Looking Where We Have Big Chunks. So I Would Be Taking Out Capital That Would Be Used There To Move It. I Don't See Internally Where We Have \$43 Million That Isn't Kind Of Necessarily Committed. When We Make A Comment That We Have \$900 Million Of Funds Sitting There, I Want To Know Legally Which Funds Can I Move Around. So I'm Looking To You What Is Legal For Us To Internally Borrow.

I'm Asking From A Legal Perspective. I Don't Want To Assume.

The Enterprise Funds For Utilities Are Pledged For Bonds. So Unfortunately, There Are Some Restrictions There. Solid Waste, I'm Sorry. I'm Not Really Sure On Utilities How Much They Actually Have To Pledge At This Point Regarding Their Bonding.

But From A Legal Perspective, We Could Go In And Take Those Reserves For This Type Of An Internal Loan.

We Just Never Have. We Have Not Operated Like The State Legislature. We've Always Stayed Very Principled. I Think We've Seen Some Municipalities Get Into Serious Trouble When They Started Playing With Those Funds. But I'm Asking, Legally, Can We Do That?

There Is No Statute That Prohibits That.

I Just Want The Public -- This Is A Big Conversation We Had With Jetblue. Because At The Time, Diane Louis Wanted Us Very Seriously To Do Internal. And The Clerk At The Time Was Adamantly Opposed That We Would Be Better Off Borrowing The Money Versus Borrowing Internally At An Interest Rate That Was 3.9-4.2% The Interest Rate We Had For Jetblue.

3.67%. We Were Still Better Off Doing That Rather Than Taking Our Cash Out. So I Don't Know Where We Have Less Reserves Now Than We've Done Then Working With Him And All Of Our Financial. Why I Would Want To Change Policy Now For This Type Of A Bond To Do An Internal Loan. So I Hear What You're Saying, And I Don't Doubt That We Could Do It. I'm Just Worried About The Slippery Slope It Create Ins A Policy Decision. If We Do It For A Baseball Stadium Improvement, What Else Will We Start Messing With The Funds For. That Scares Me A Little Bit. I Think That The Policy Since I've Been Here To Keep These Silos Clean Has Always Worked Well For Us. But I Don't Know.

Any Other Discussion?

Mr. Chairman, I'd Like To Get A Clear Answer. I Think We Were Close To It. What Are The Options? I Want To Know Precisely The General Revenue Reserves, Yes. The One That We're Drawing Another 30 Something Million This Year To Do Our Budget From. And That's Running Short Of Revenue And Reserves. Or The 2020. I'm Not Gonna Second That Motion Where That Money Is Very Specifically Been Collected For The Purpose Of Protecting Environmentally Sensitive Lands And Has Strong Public Support And Has Had Universal Support Here. I'm Not Gonna Raid That. I'm Not Even Gonna Raid That For This Budget This Year. The Mstu County

Wide. That's One Of The Options Available To Us. The Money, It Would Be There Without Threatening. Can You Give Me, Is There A Balance? Somebody Give Me That?

The Estimated Reserve Would Be \$36 Million. So That Would Take All Of Us.

The Enterprises, Which Did You Think Were Available To Us?

Commissioners, I Know That There Are Certain Bonds That Their Funds Have Been Pledged. Solid Waste Definitely Is, I Know That. Utilities, I'm Being Told Their Funds Have Been Pledged For Bonds As Well.

The Entire Depth Of The Reserves, Whatever They Are, All Are Pledged?

Or Restricted.

Yes. What We Try To Do Is Keep Our Rates At A Low Rate. So We Go Through That Evaluation Of What's An Appropriate Reserve. To Dip Into That Reserve, We Would Have To Go Back And Talk With Our Bound Council To Insure That We're Not Putting Our Bonds At Risk. We're Also In The Process Of Going Out For New Bonds And We Would Be Concerned With Ratings That We Would Receive If We Did Start Trying To Intermix Enterprise Funds With Other Programs.

Ok. So It Doesn't Seem Like The Utilities Or Solid Waste Are Viable Options. At Least With Limited Discussion That We've Had Here Today. That Takes Me Back To General Reserve Funds And Mstu Reserve Funds. Unless Somebody Wants To Push For 2020.

I Want To Hear Again From You Commissioner Kiker. But I Want To Get My Questions Answered. And I Want To Make One Very Serious Point Here. I Did Not Support The Original Funding For The New Stadium For The Boston Red Sox When It Relied In Any Way On Our Local Taxpayers Footing The Bill. I Came To Support That At The Time When We Looked To The T.D.C. And Let Our Tourists Pay For All Of That Capital Expansion. The Tourists Paid For It, Not Our Local Citizens. Commissioner Kiker, That's My Really Big Heartburn Here. Whatever We're Doing, To Go To A Different Fund, We're Using Dollars That Belong To Our Citizens And That They Paid Into These Funds. I Was Able To Continue Supporting The Baseball Program And The Rejuvenation Of The Twin's Stadium As Well, Which We're Talking About Here Today. Because Our Tourists, God Bless Them, Were Paying All The Bills Except Some Minor Maintenance That We Do For Looking After The Portions That

Are Gonna Be Used By Our Citizens Year Round. But The Share Of All Of These Expenses Are Being Paid For By Those Wonderful Tourists. And You're Gonna Shift That Now Back To Our Local Taxpayers, Which I Have For Five Years Been Fundamentally Opposed To. And I'm Not About To Change That. Unless You Can Talk Really Slick. [Laughter]

Commissioner Kiker?

Well, Actually This Conversation Points Out The Fact That I Would Like For Staff To Have That Dialogue And Bring To Us The Information Rather Than Us Try To Create It Here In Terms Of What Our Options Are. And To Your Point Of Whether The T.D.C. Would Be Paying For This, Certainly They're Gonna Be Making The Payments. So Nothing Has Changed There. With Interest, We're Talking About \$50 Million Bill Here. So Going Back To Our Obligations To The Taxpayers, I Think That's Something We Have To Take Very Seriously. What We're Talking About Is Really The Amount Of Time It Takes To Pay That Off. That's Really What We're Talking About. And No, We Don't Have To Go In And Take \$36 Million Out Immediately. We Take It Out As We Need It. And The Payments Begin At The Same Time, As I Understand It. If You Have A Different Understanding, Then I'll Certainly Be Glad To Hear That. But At The End Of The Day, It's 2043 Is Whenever This Bond Would End. Is That Correct?

Yeah, 43 Or 44.

If We Were To Go Through Our Own Funds, We Would Be Able To Pay This Off At The Same Rate In The Year 2033. And What's Significant About That Is The Last Three Payments In That String Is \$8 Million A Year. That's \$24 Million We're Gonna Cough Up In Three Years Time At The End Of 2043. I'm Probably Not Gonna Be Around For That. But I Don't Think It's Necessarily Fair To Saddle Anybody With That Kind Of Requirement Or Obligation. I Just Think That There's So Many Different Things. It's Not All Negative. There's Some Opportunities Here That We Can Discover In Terms Of The Red Sox. We Might Be Able To Accelerate Our Repayment Of That At The End Of 2033. And We Can Even Save Some Money There As Well. Take That Closing Cost And Everything Else That Goes Wit, There's A Lot Of Money Out There And I Think We Need To Be Very, Very Careful. I Don't Believe That This Is Time Sensitive That We Borrow This Money Right Now. That's My Point. And I Would Love To Hear From You, Commissioner Hall

We Have A Motion. I Have One More Shot At This Apple. We Do Have To Take All The Money Out. Within 12 Months, All This Money Would Be Spent. This Isn't

Something We're Dragging Out The Capital Investment Over Time. We've Gotta Spend The Money Within The Next 12 Months, And It's Gone. So \$35 Million Is Being Spent Or Whatever The Number. I Can't Remember. So We're Spending It Within 12 Months And Then We're Gonna Start Making Payments. When This Issue Came Up, I Didn't Support The Twin's Contract. I Voted No. So I Didn't Support Us Moving Forward With This Because I Didn't Like The Way It Was Worded. The Devil In The Detail Was My Problem. It Wasn't That I Didn't Want To Expand The Stadium Or Help Them, The Devil In The Detail Bothered Me. I Do Look At The Details. And I Will Tell You, After Talking With Ben, Looking At Our Financials, We At Your Request Commissioner Kiker Said Go Ahead And Take It Over To The T.D.C. Go Ahead And Give Us Some Options. So To Ask Us Again To Delay A Decision That We Did Delay. We Said, Yes, Run With It. And To Say We Haven't Exhausted Or Somehow Someone Didn't Look At All That, We Gave That To You And The T.D.C. We Had, Unfortunately I Was On The Phone. So You Had Complete Access To Our Staff To Look At All Of The Funds That Could Possibly Be An Alternative To Bonding. Because We Want Those Things Exhausted. So I Don't Know At This Point, Because It's Come Back To Us, That Another Delay Is Necessary. I Mean, I Thought That Was What We Authorized And Said Yes, Please Go Through And Look At It. I Know That I've Been Kind Of Arm's Length From It. But I've Made My Calls And Have Asked If Anyone -- Again, As We Looked At Jetblue, There Was A Big Difference Of Opinion On This Board Whether We Should Do The Loan Internally Or Whether It Should Go To Funding. And I've Done Basically The Same Thing On This One. I'm Not Finding Where Anyone Thinks There's A Fund That Should Handle This And Take That Cash Down At This Point In Time And Not Do The Bond Because The Interest Rates Are Still So Favorable. So I Guess I'm Not Prepared To Delay These. But I Felt Like We Gave You That Time Because You Asked Us For It. So I'm A Little Bit Surprised That We Don't Have Last Time I Checked, We Had Some Issues Like Hurricane Charlie, We Had B.P. Oil. And If There Is An Interruption To The T.D.C. Income, Where Are You Gonna Get The Money? We've Got A 500-0000 Deductible On The Insurance On Each One Of The Stadiums If Something Happens. Where Are You Gonna Get The Money? I Think We Just Need To Be Very Aware That By Passing This At This Time, I Believe That You're Gonna Not Only Exhaust Any Future Possibilities Of Doing Any Financing, But As We Reported, It's Gonna Be Very, Very Tight. If You Pass This And Hope Nothing Happens. And I Think That's A Bad Way To Make A Decision. There's No Delay Here. This Is, I Think It's A Bad Idea.

Thank You. Commissioner Manning?

I Think, Hopefully As A Last Shot At This Thing, I Was The One That Fortunately Or Unfortunately Was Involved In The Negotiations. Both From A Contractual

Standpoint Of View And From A Financial Standpoint Of View. The Twin's Organization Brought Their Financial People In. We Sat For A Room For Several Times And Several Hours. So This Is, In My View, The Best Way To Go. Because We As A Board Unanimously Pledged That We Would Not Look To The Taxpayers Of This County To Pay For These Stadiums. I Appreciate The Mayor's Looking Into This. And I Would Ask Mr. Chairman That You Call The Question.

Mr. Chairman, Could I Have One Last Shot? This Is A \$40 Million Issue.

Commissioner Mann?

Through The Depth Of The Recession, The One Revenue Source That We Had That Remained Constant And In Fact Grew Was The Tourist Development Tax. Thank God It Did. I Mean, It Was The Lifesaver In Jobs And Business Around Here. It Continues To Grow. We've Had The Best Two Years In The History Of That Fund. When We Were Barely Coming Out Of The Recession. The Best Two Years. The Healthiest Revenue Source We Have Are The Tourist Development Taxes. The Best Fund To Look To, To Pay This Long Term Debt Is The Tourist Development Tax. And Finally, And I'll Say It One More Time, Our Local Citizens Don't Pay A Penny Of That. The Tourists Take Care Of That. We Fought Through This And Discussed It. And I'm Glad Y'all Looked At The Other Options. But This Is The Best Way From All Angles To Look At It That We Can Possibly Proceed. And I Think We Need To Move Forward The Way The Recommendation Is.

Any Other Ob -- Discussion?

Any Objections?

I, I.

Motion Carries 3-2.

Graciously Accept Our \$15 Million.

Any Other Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection? Motion Carries. Going To Commissioner Items. Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

Yes, Sir, I Have One. And That Is For As Far As Scheduling, The May 6th M And P. I'd Like To Bring The Subject Up Of The Process For Budgeting For Discussion. The Last Meeting We Talked About Reviewing The Process For Putting Together A Budget. And This Would Be The Result Of That.

Perfect.

That's All I Have.

May 6th, Got It Doug?

Yes.

I Have No Items. Commissioner Kiker, Were You Done With That?

Just Real Quick, Back To Roxy Smith. I'd Like To Share With Everybody That Wednesday From 5:00-7:00 They're Having A Viewing. On Thursday The 4th At 4:00 O'clock, The Beach Baptist Church Is Having Fellowship There And A Reception To Follow. That's All I Have. Thank You.

I Have No Items. Commissioner Mann?

Mr. Chairman, I Just Want To Thank Y'all. Last Week, In My Absence, You Sent A Letter To Tallahassee Including The Commissioner Of Agriculture. The Concern Was There They Were Gonna Shift Some Responsibilities Around There As Far As The Working Ranch. The Letter That We Sent Was Well Received. Commissioner Hall Had Previously Kind Of Set The Stage In Tallahassee. The Word Got Out There. I Was Up There Last Thursday. And When I Got There, All The Senators And The Staff From Commissioner Of Agriculture Were Saying, We're Taking Care Of Y'all. We're Taking Care Of Y'all. Ease Up. So Thank You Commissioner Hall For Your Direct Involvement. And Both Of The Major Concerns Were Taken Care Of. So The Committee Will Not Sun Set. And Lee County Will Be Specifically Named As Having A Member Of That Committee Appointed By The County Commission. So I Appreciate That. And Now, This Is My District And I Worry About These Kind Of Things. On A Personal Note, I Need Your Help. And I Normally Wouldn't Ask For Something Like This, But It's Critically Important To Me. You Know That My Age Is Gone This Week. My Wife's Birthday Is Thursday. Will You Please Help Me Not Forget That? [Laughter]

Commissioner Mann -- I'm Glad You Were Able To Take Care Of That For Us.
Commissioner Hall?

I E-Mailed All Of You. I Want To Apologize For Missing M.P.O. And I Have To Miss It Again This Coming Month. The Wcind Which Is The West Coast Navigation, There's Only Four Of Us On That. I've Missed Two Of The Meetings Already. So I Apologize. They Only Meet Every Other Months. This Issue Is Really In Venice. So I'd Like The Board, If I Could Send A Letter Under The Chairman's Letter Head From The Board Of County Commissioners. I'm Also Gonna Ask Them To Endorse Us To The M.T.O. They've Been Waiting 14 Years For These Air Rights. And This Is To Access Their Frontage Here And Their Docks. This Is A Public Safety Dock Which Is Used For Emergency Management.

Second.

Thank You.

You Just Gotta Call The Question. I'll Prepare A Letter For You To Sign. Unfortunately, I Won't Be At The Meeting. I'll Be At The Restore Committee Meeting. I'll Ask Again For Don To Present It To The M.P.O. And I Hope One Of You Can Respond. I'd Appreciate It.

We'll Take Care Of That.

Committee Appointments. Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

None.

I Have One.

Second.

Commissioner Manning Seconds. Any Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries.
Thank You. County Manager Items?

Nothing Today.

County Attorney Items?

Nothing.

At This Time We Have Public Presentation Of Matters Of Concerned Citizens. Do We Have Any Speakers Here Today?

Meetings Adjourned.