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Good Morning. Thank You For Joining Us. Today Is August 27th, 2013. Please Stand, We Have Pastor Peter From The Life Church. After That, Following With The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Father, We Thank You For This Incredible Day, God. I Thank You That You Are A God Of Peace. This County Is Full Of Peace And Full Of Your Acceptance And Love. I Thank You For Wisdom To Rule On Decisions. I Thank You For The Men And Women That Are Gonna Be Guiding This County. I Thank You As They Follow Your Path, God, That You Grant Them Wisdom And Knowledge To Lead This County. In Your Name, Amen.

Please Join Us In 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, Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All.

If I Could Have Nick From Human Resources Department Come Forward For The 2013 Employee Length Of Service Awards.

Good Morning. Good Morning, Everyone. I'm Stephanie From Human Resources For The Lee County Board Of County Commissioners. I Am Accompanied This Morning By Lee From Employee Relations. For The Second Quarter Of 2013. These Awards Represent Collectively 885 Years Of Service To Lee County Government. For Those Employees Present, As I Call Out Your Name Please Step Forward To Receive Your Pin 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. So Let's Get Started With Our Five Years Of Service Recipients. Shane, D.O.T. Operations. Stephen Parsons, Solid Waste. Alba Plaza, Utilities. For All Those Receiving Ten Year Awards, Please Begin Congregating In The Back. Marco Dano, Facility Management Ten Years Of Service. Christine, Library. Elaine Schultz, Human Resources. Sean Williams, D.O.T. Traffic. Now For Our 15 Year Recipients. Jackie Farley, D.O.T. Tolls. Tim Ford, D.O.T. Operations. Antoinette Johnson, County Administration. Michael, D.O.T. Operations.

Ronald Partridge, D.O.T. Operations. Linda Ramsey, Development Services. Now For Our 20 Year Recipients. Eileen Briscoe, Public Safety. Fred Coggins, D.O.T. Traffic. Eileen Downing, Library. Michelle Mckneel, County Lands. William Newman, Solid Waste. Tony Danover, Library.

We Have Some Technical Difficulties Here. We Have A Ten Year Recipient. Kathleen, Solid Waste.

Congratulations, Don. We're Gonna Move On To Our 25 Year Recipients Now. Congratulations To All These Employees And Thank You For Your Years Of Service With Lee County.

[Applause]

Thank You To All The County Employees. At This Time We'll Move Forward To The Agenda. If I Could Ask Everyone In The Audience If You Have A Cell Phone To Please Silence Your Cell Phones. We'll Move On To The Recap. We Have One Item On The Recap For Correction 5-A. Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion. Commissioner Manning Seconds. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. Move On To Public Comment On The Consent Administrative Agenda. I Have A Few Cards Here Today For The Agenda. First Speaker Is Chauncy, The Second Speaker Is George Weeden. You Have Three Minutes To Speak At The Podium. There Will Be Lights Giving You Warnings Of The Times. It's Administrative And Consent Agenda.

Good Morning. Thanks Very Much For Letting Me Be Here. For The Record, Chauncy From Sanibel. I've Known Most Of You For Over 25 Years. I've Had The Chance To Work With You On Projects In Lee County. Mostly On The Barrier Islands. And Most Of Those Projects Have Been Of A Public And Private Nature. I'm Here Today To Express My Support For The Project Which Is A Conservation 2020 Project Which Is A Chance Where We Can Obtain Six Acres Of Environmentally Sensitive Land For Perpetual Conservation. And It's Adjacent To Consistent Conservation. The Reason I Say Six And It Shows Three On Your Package There Is The County Went By \$3-400-0000. And The Wild Life Society Would End Up Buying The Rest Of The Property. We Have Private Contributions To Do That. So I'm Here To Express My Support For That And I Hope That We Can Work Together On That As We Have In The Past. Thank You.

Thank You. Next Speaker, George Wheaten. After George, We Have Keith Arnold.

Good Morning, Mr. Chair And Commissioners. For The Record, My Name Is George Wheaten. I'm Here As A Citizen And As A Member Of The Conservation 2020 Committee. I've Heard A Lot About The Woodrink Property. I'm Familiar With The Woodrink Property. And It Was Voted On By The Board Or By The Committee To Purchase, Move Forward For Purchase. This Is -- We're Contributing To A National Wild Life Refuge, It's Very Important. We Understand That. It's Not Just A Conservation 2020 Parcel. It Also Is Gonna Be Managed By The U.S. Fish And Wild Life. I'm Always Looking At How The Management Is Gonna Be Taken Care Of. A Three Acre Parcel Contiguous -- Is Gonna Be Managed By Others Is Wonderful. That Being Said, This Also Has, For Your Information I'm Sure Most Of You Know It, Some Of You Are New Commissioners.

Not The Most Expensive Property We've Ever Bought. We've Teamed Up With Parks And Rec Back In 2006 And Bought A 1.1 Acre Parcel On Fort Myers Beach That Was Not Even Close To What The Quality Of This Property Is In The Back Bay. And We Paid \$1.45 Million For 1.1 Acre Of Land. And We Had Five Parking Places On That. In Defense Of All Of That, I Would Like You To Approve The Purchase Of This Property. I Think It's Gonna Be An Asset. And A Feather In Our Cap For Lee County For Years To Come. Thank You.

Thank You, George.

I Have With Me Colleagues From Our Office. And The President Of Our Firm And Our Government Service Specialist Here. We'd Like To Thank You For The Opportunity To Represent Your Interest In Tallahassee For The Last Couple Of Years. It Certainly Has Been An Enjoyable Experience. Certainly I've Enjoyed The Opportunity To Represent You For The Last 14 Years. I'm Here, Of Course, To Speak About Item 1-D On The Administrative Agenda. You Have A Recommendation By Staff To Hire Three Firms Today.

At The On Set, Let Me Suggest This.

I Appreciate The Attempt Of Staff To Try To Deal With Your Varied And Diverse Interests To Come Up With A Recommendation That Meets All Of Your Needs. I'd Like To Offer Something For You To Think About. An Alternative, Perhaps. Certainly We Are Willing To Represent All Of Your Interests For The Stated Price That We've Offered You In Our Submission. We Could Do That, And We'd Be Willing To Do That As We Have In The Past. That Would Alleviate Extra Expenditures On Your Part. Should You Desire To Hire An Additional Firm, That's Your Business. There's Two Very, Very Qualified Firms Here And They Too Could Step In The Role And Represent All Of Your Interests. Who Do You Want To Be Your Lead Lobbying Firm And B, Do You Want Other Firms To Augment Those Efforts? We Will Live With Whatever Decision You Make. We've Enjoyed The Opportunity To Represent You. I Think We Worked Hard To Represent Your Interests Both Here At The Local Level, Both Your Individual Interests And Your Collective Interests. As Well As Your Interests In Tallahassee. And I'd Like To Conclude By Saying That Certainly I Recognize The Need To Change The Game Plan And What We Do, What I Do In Tallahassee. And I Think The Edition Of Such Iconic Personalities As Max And Mark And Bob And Linda Has Added To Our Team And Served You Well. If It's Your Desire, We Certainly Look Forward To The Opportunity To Represent You Again And We Thank You For The Opportunity To Present Here Today. Thank You.

Thank You, Keith. Next Speaker, Phil. After Phil, James Evans.

Good Morning. I'd Like To Address Administrative Item 8-B. I Applaud The Effort To Collect More Information On The Water Quality, Quantity And Direction Of Flows Of The North Spreader. I Return To Historical Conditions To A Degree That's Possible Is The Only Way We're Gonna Mitigate The Damage We're Now Experiencing. The

Listing Of Data Collections Task Listed In The Blue Sheet Is Very Well Done. I Have Also Been Assured That A Recent Proposal That Fgcu Scientists To Collect And Evaluate Data, Which Is Not Covered By This Blue Sheet But Will Also Be Accepted By The Natural Resources Division. That's Particularly Good. Especially Because We Need By Biological Evaluations -- Biological Damage Is The Heart Of The Issue. I Am Concerned About Raising A Little Bit Of The Funds Set Aside For The Barrier. Which I Believe Is The Only Way We'll Ever Achieve Any Semblance Of A Return To Historical Conditions. Three Federal Government Agencies And Every Non-Profit Environmental Organization In This Area Has Expressed The Same View. And No One Has Identified Any Other Way To Effectively Address The Clean Water Act Violation. That Restoration Money Is Going To Be Needed. Thank You.

Thank You. Next Speaker, James Evans.

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman. I'm James Evans, Director Of Natural Resources For The City Of Sanibel. I'm Here To Speak On Item 8-A And To Request Your Support For The Fertilizer Public Outreach And Education Program. This Program Is A Regional Partnership Between Lee County, The City Of Fort Myers, The Town Of Fort Myers Beach, The City Of Cape Coral, Sanibel Chamber Of Commerce, Charlotte County And The Water Management District. Which Focuses Primarily On Education Of The Regulations And Following The Law And The Individual Regulations Versus Educating The Citizens On Their Responsibilities To Protecting Our Water Quality. Obviously You're All Aware Of The Current Conditions Of The River. And The Impacts Of The Fresh Water Releases On Our Local Economy. Obviously The Releases Are Having A Major Impact On Our Local Economy, Our Beaches, Our Quality Of Life. However, Over 60% Of The Fresh Water In-Flows Are Currently Coming From Our Own Basin. 60% Of Those Flows Are Coming. Obviously We Play A Great Role In Keeping That Fresh Water From Entering And Keeping Those Nutrients Off Of Our Lawns And Landscapes -- Keeping Them On Our Lawns And Landscapes And Out Of The Estuary. Also To Help Keep That Water On The Landscape Where It Belongs. By Participating In This Partnership We Maximize Our -- And On Behalf Of Sanibel City Council And The Citizens Of Sanibel, We Hope That You'll Support This Project. Also On A Side Note, As A Citizen Of Lee County, I Also Fully Support The Acquisition Of The Woodrunk Property Through The 2020 Program. It's An Excellent Acquisition And Provides A Lot Of Water Quality And Habitat Benefits. As A Citizen, I Also Support That Project. Thank You.

Thank You. Paul?

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. My Name Is Paul, I'm The Refuge Manager At The National Wild Life Refuge In Sanibel, Florida. And I'm Here To Speak On Item 5-A The Woodrunk Property Acquisition For Conservation 2020. I Want To Thank You For The Opportunity To Speak Today In Support Of This Acquisition. And Also The Classic Recommendation To Support This Acquisition. You Should Be Able To Refer To Your Pact. There's A Map There. As You Can See, The Property, Majority Which Is Surrounded By Conservation Land. It's For This Reason

That The Refuge Feels Strongly That This Parcel Of Land That You're Considering Be Preserved For Conservation Land. We Agree To Assume All Costs And Responsibilities For Managing As Part Of The National Wild Life Refuge. The Wild Life Society Will Acquire The Adjoining Parcel Which Will Also Be Managed By The Refuge. And Where The Woodrinks Will Retain A Life -- When You Combine The Parcels, This Will Truly Extend A Natural Area Of The Land That Is Vital To Wild Life That Use This Land And The Surrounding Waters. The City Of Sanibel Passed A Resolution In Support Of This Acquisition In 2011. And Our Ally Conservation Organizations Are In Support Of This Property As Well. Including The Sanibel Captiva Conservation Association. All Represented Here Today. In Addition, The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida Spoke At The August 8th Classic Meeting In Support. As Well As The Sanibel Mayor Expressing City Support. This Property May Seem Small, But By Sanibel Standards, It's Significant. This Property Is Also Recognized By The Florida Natural Areas Inventory. And Is Surrounded By Islands Where Birds Come To Nest And Roost. Originally A Home For The Indians, The Property Contains Habitats Coast Tall Ridge, Maritime Habit And Swamps Important To Wild Life. This Is Not Only An Important Acquisition For The National Wild Life Refuge, But It's A Strategic Connector Piece. This Property Are Provide The Refuge With Deep Water Access -- And Our Other Refuge Within The Complex. So I Urge You To Support This Acquisition. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You, Paul.

We Do Have A Councilman And I'm A Councilwoman Scientist. We All Feel, Those Of Us Who Have Participated, The Town Of Fort Myers Beach, Charlotte County, On And On And On And Bonita Springs For This Fertilizer Education Program. I Like To Call It Fertilizer Conservation. We've Done Great Work On Water Conservation Over The Years. It's Gonna Be A Win-Win For All Of Us. You're Gonna Get Great Bang For Your Buck. Lee County Realized \$13 Million In Credits Alone Just For Having Your Fertilizer Ordinance In Place. That's What I Understand In My City. We Have About \$550,000 For Having A Fertilizer Ordinance In Place. This Is Gonna Double Your Bang For Your Buck To Be Able To Participate In This Regional Program. I Want To Congratulate Also Charlotte County. Because It's Gonna Take A Region As Much As It Will For The Solutions That We're Facing. Clean Water Equals Jobs. I Want To Congratulate You For Doing What You've Done So Far And For Supporting This. And As A Resident, I Think The Woodrink Property Is Great.

I Have No Other Cards For The Consent Administrative Agenda. We'll Close Public Comment. Commissioner Manning?

13-D, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Hall?

None, I'll Move The Balance.

Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion, Commissioner Manning Seconds. No Objection, Motion Carries. Commissioner Manning, 13.

Mr. Chairman, On 13-D I Will Be Submitting Form 8-D To The Clerk.

I'll Move The Item.

Second.

Commissioner Mann Makes The Motion, Commissioner Kiker Seconds. Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

4-0.

Move On To Administrative Agenda. 1-A.

I'll Move 1-A.

Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion.

Second.

Commissioner Manning Seconds. Any Discussion?

I'd Just Like To Thank Staff. The First Meeting Went Really Well. There's A Lot Of Enthusiasm By Our Volunteers And Our Five Cities. So Keep Up The Good Work. It's Gonna Be A Long Haul. Thank You For What I Thought Was A Really Well Attended And Well Run Meeting.

Thank You. Any Other Discussion Items? No Other Discussion, Any Objections To The Item? No Objection, Motion Carries.

1-A-B.

I'll Second For Discussion. Any Discussion?

Yeah.

Commissioner Hall?

I Was A Little Surprised By This Recommendation. Because I Listened To All The Tapes, Went Back Through To Hear Why This Selection Committee Ranked The Way They Did. And It Was Obvious That They Felt That Grey Robinson Was The Number One Ranked Firm. They Recognized The Taxation Expertise That They Had And That's Really Kind Of Where They Put Them. Recognizing The Services That We've Had. We Have \$120 Thousand For Our Budget. And To Try And Have Three For

Management To Recommend That We Hire All Three, I Think Is A Challenge. And Deciding How We Do That. Roger, I Guess I'd Like For You To Explain -- The Selection Committee Really Kind Of Said Grey Robinson Is Our Lead. And Why You Recommended To Us That We Hire All Three Of Them?

For Anyone Who Listened To The Tapes, You'll Note That There Was A Significant Conversation About Different Areas Of Expertise Required Given Different Legislative Issues. They Ranked The Firms The Way They Did. And In Talking With Glen Who Chaired That Meeting, We Felt As Though It Was Appropriate To Have The Ability To Assign Each Of Those Different Firms Based On Their Areas Of Expertise. And That's Why.

So They Didn't Rank Them In The Meeting By Their Areas Of Expertise. They Ranked Them On How They Wanted Us To Hire Them And Recommended That We Negotiate With Two.

Good Morning, Commissioners. You're Right, It Was A Nuanced Ranking. The Committee Felt That Grey Robinson Could Serve As The Lead With Them Stepping In On Tax And Finance Issues As You Described. But The Nuance Was The Committee Did Feel Like To Be In The Lead Spot, You Needed A Significant Amount Of Resources. I.E., Lobbyists. So That If For Some Reason They Could Not Serve In That Capacity, They Should Move To The Front Of The Line.

But That Wasn't At The Committee Level.

I Beg Your Pardon?

That Wasn't At The Committee Level.

That Was The Motion, As I Recall It.

Mr. Chair, I'd Like To Respond Please. In Every County That I'm Aware Of, Not The Least Of Which Is The One Where I Used To Work On The East Coast, Selection Of Lobbyists Is Entirely Political. And It's A Selection That's Made By The County Commission. There Is Not A Single Board Member Here That Influenced My Recommendation. **Nor** Will That Ever Be The Case. Particularly, When It Comes To Politics.

I'm Asking You, Though, I Know I Called You Yesterday Because I Was Surprised After I Heard The Tape, The Recommendation That You Made On The Blue Sheet. That Was Really The Form Of My Discussion Was Why We Changed What The Selection Committee Had Originally Started Out With. So I'm Asking You, Was There Concern By Commissioners That We Hire All Three Firms? That's Really My Question.

No.

No One Called You And Said, Why Is That Happening And Is There A Way We Can Hire All Of Them?

That's Correct, No One Did.

Well, I Would Like To Suggest -- I Know All Of Us Have Spent A Lot Of Time In Tallahassee Lobbying. And It's A Challenge To Have Three Firms And Coordinating Them. I'd Like To Go Ahead And Suggest That We Go Ahead With Grey Robinson As Our Lead And That We Qualify The Other Two Firms So That We Can Bring Them In As Necessary And Work On Our Legislative Agenda With Grey Robinson And Really Determine If We Need To Bring In Other Firms And What That Would Cost. \$120 Thousand Is Not A Lot Of Money To Spend Hard Core On The Ground 60 Days And Then The Time That We Have To Take To Lead Up With Committee And The Pre-Work We Have To Do For Those Hard Core 60 Days That We're In Tallahassee And We're Counting On Our Lobbyists To Be There. Initially, Glen Is Gonna Be Juggling. Because Initially He's Starting Off As In Term Economic Development Director. And Hopefully By The First Year He Leaves That And Goes On To That. So When The Session Starts, He'll Be Ready To Go. We All Know Committee Meetings Are Starting Now In The Fall. And There's A Lot Of Pre-Work That Gets Done There. So I Don't Have A Problem Necessarily Qualifying The Other Two Firms. But I Have A Problem Right Now Saying That Budget. I Think That The Committee Did A Great Job. I Certainly Have, And I've Shared With The County Manager, Still Some Concerns That I Have With Some Of Our Coordination. County Manager Assured Me That All Of That Can Be Overcome Because He's Here Now And He Feels That He Can Get His Arms Around That So It Doesn't Repeat Itself. Because It Seems To Repeat Itself Every Year. Just Logistically I Had Concerns About That. So I Think To Be Fair, Since The Recommendation Is Grey Robinson Go Ahead And Enter To Them. I'm Very Concerned About The Budget. I'm Also Very Concerned About Truly How That Coordination Is Gonna Look. We, As Missioners, Commissioner Pendergrass Is Our Liaison. But We All Have Issues That We End Up Working On. There's This Cross-Pollen Nation And There's A Lot Of Bumping Into Each Other Because Of This Communication. Last Year Was A Perfect Example Of What Happened At The Ranch And How That Did Not, Because We Were Not Working Through Your Office, How That Got Mixed Up. And There Were A Lot Of Phone Calls Going Back And Forth. We Have To Have Strong Relationships With These Agencies And These Departments As Well As Our Legislature And With The Leadership Of The Legislature. So I Can't Support The Motion As Its Made. But I Certainly Could Support That Amendment If The Board Was Willing To Do That. I'd Like To Have A Little More Understanding, Globally, Of How That's Gonna Work.

Commissioner Manning, You Were Next.

Let Me Take The Opposite Viewpoint Here, If I May. I'm Thrilled That There Are Three Team Players On The Bench. And I Appreciate The Fact That They're Willing To Do This Type Of Work, Which Is Specialized Work. I've Been Doing This On And Off Since 1988. And I Think I Understand Tallahassee A Little Bit. I'm Pleased That

Grey Robinson Is Aboard. I Will Not Support A Motion To, As Commissioner Hall Proports. I'm Fine With All Three Of Them Going Forward. I Open It Up For Discussion.

Any Other Discussion? Commissioner Mann?

Mr. Chairman, I Feel Compelled To Make Some Comments On This.

I Have More Than A Little Experience In Things Going On In Tallahassee, Florida. I Am On A First Name Basis Acquainted With All Of The People That Are Being Considered Here This Morning And Are A Part Of This Motion. They're, I Think, Collectively You Couldn't Find Three Other Groups Or Individuals That Do This Kind Of Work In Tallahassee More Qualified Or With Better Reputations Than These Three. My Concern Is With The Packaged Deal And The Lack Of Coordination To See Who's In Charge And Stuff To Get The Job Done.

Referred To Lobbying In Tallahassee As A Growth Industry. When I Was Privileged To Serve This Area. In The Legislature, Lee County Had No Lobbyists. Most Counties Had No Lobbyists. We Did Things The Old Fashioned Way. We Went To Our Legislator For Legislative Delegation And Said These Are Our Issues, You Are Our Elected Representatives, Would You Look After Our Interest. And Funny, We Got By That Way Without Paying A Penny Because Those People Did Represent Us. But Fast Forward, I've Given Up On That. We Don't Do It That Way Anymore. Everybody Has A Lobbyist Or Groups Of Small Counties Get Together And They Collectively Hire Lobbyists So That They Can Afford To Do It That Way. If We're Gonna Be In The Lobby Business, I'd Like To Do It As Efficiently And As Inexpensively As Possible For The Top Great People. I Want To Point Out About The Group That Mr. Arnold Is Speaking On Behalf Of Here. I Will Point Out That Keith Himself Was The Youngest Majority Leader In The History Of Florida In The House Of Representatives. You Get No Slouch When You Get Keith Arnold Speaking On Your Behalf. He Knows His Way Around. He Brings With Him Linda Shelly, Former Head Of Communications Affairs. She Was Also Served As General Council To The Governor Of Florida. No Small Responsibility There. Not Present Today Is Bob Butterworth. Attorney General Of The State Of Florida For Many Years. Served At Several Capacities With Distinction. Max, Part Of That Team. Chief Of Staff To The Governor Of Florida. That Is A Stellar Collection Of Talent. And Our Staff Recommendation Says, Let's Drop Those. Put Them Down And Hire Them Back At A Lower Level. And I Just Can't See Any Need To Do That. I Want To Say Particularly Though About Senator Saunders Sitting There. Three Years Ago When He Was Still In The Senate, We Were Attacked Again By The Legislature To Try To Take Our Authority Away To Regulate The Use Of Fertilizer Here. It Was A Crisis Time. And It Went On For Several Years. Keith Was Our Lobbyist. Ms. Blakely Was Working With Us On That Team. It Happened, I Think I Was The Chairman At The Time. I Was Up There Fighting The Battles As Well. Without Senator Saunders, We Would Have Lost That Battle. By Him Being Able To Put His Finger In The Dam Before It Broke, We Were Able To Fight That Off And Set A Precedent For The Next Few Years To Come.

Mr. Chairman, I Don't Have A Problem With The Ranking. But I Want To Make Sure That Somehow Whether -- Since You're Our Liaison, I'm Here You'll -- I Really Want To Have An Understanding Of How This Work Is Gonna Be Divided Up. And I Want To Make Sure That It's Divided Up And That We're Contracting Where We Really Have Specifics. What I Don't Want, As Commissioner Mann Said Is They're Not Understanding Who's Doing What And What's Being Done And That There's Good Communication. And The Communication Starts In Glen's Office And Goes Out. All Of Us Pick Up The Phone And Call, But Glen's The One Who's The Keeper Of All The Information. And When We Start Going Outside Of That Protocol, Bad Things Start Happening In Tallahassee. And Then We Get Pulled Individual On Those Issues. So I'd Like To Support The Motion For Us To Be Able To Find Out How That Structure Is Actually Gonna Work. In That We Can Talk About How It's Being Divy'd Up And Where It's Going. We Are The County, And A Lot Of The Cities Follow Our Lead. And There's A Lot Of Resources Out There With Florida Association And Counties And Things.

Last Year We Brought It Down To \$70,000. It's More Typically \$90,000.

So The \$120 Thousand Is An Increase?

It Would Be An Increase, Yes.

The Way I Think Is Stronger In Numbers. Being In Tallahassee, I Could Be In One Committee Over Here And I Could Be Needed In Another Meeting. Sometimes You Need To Be Five Different Places. So The More The Better, I Just Didn't Know If We Had The Budget. And Also For Structure, Being Organized. I Was Initially Looking At This List Thinking That The First Pick Be In Charge And The Other Two Lobbying Partners Would Be Working Together. I'm Talking Out Look Out Here, I Can't Make The Motion.

There Was A Motion. I Seconded It. That's The Way This Is Gonna Work. I'm Not Saying Split It Up Equally Or Do It That. I'm Saying Go Ahead And Have Our Lead Lobbyist Sit Down And Work With How The Other Two Are Gonna Come In And What's Appropriate And What They Can't Handle And What They Think We Need The Extra Support For. Go Ahead And Hire All Three Of Them, But I Don't Think You Can Say Divy That Up Equally. It Really Needs To Come Back To Us. We Can Have That Conversation. But I Would Like For Our Lead Firm And Glen And Hopefully The Chairman Who's Our Liaison Is To Talk About That Schedule And Bring It Back To Us For Information. I Don't Think You Can Say Right Now, Divide It Up Three Ways. I Don't Think That's Appropriate.

Commissioner Manning?

Trying To Pigeon Hole One, Two And Three Doesn't Work In This Case. They're All Gonna Be Working On Our Behalf. I'm Sure They'll Work On An Agreement, They'll Come Back To Us. That's All We Need To Know.

You Have To Still Have A Lead Firm. I Thought Your Motion Was --

And On Some Cases, A Different Firm May Be The Lead. That's All I'm Saying. Let's Give Them The Flexibility To Do That.

Are You Ranking Them All Equally And They're Not Ranked?

My Motion Is On The Floor. Let Them Discuss How They Want To Bring Back The Process Of Who's Gonna Do What To Who.

Unless You Have A Process In Mind Already?

That Wasn't My Understanding Of What The Blue Sheet Asked For. I Guess I Misunderstood Your Motion.

Mr. Chair? We've Not Negotiated Yet With All Three Of The Firms For Price. Generally A Lead Firm Gets Paid A Little More Money Than The Other Firms Do. And The Way It's Coordinated Is Through A Lead Person At The County Level, A Staff Person Who's Familiar With The Legislative Process And Then Weekly, At Least Weekly All Three Firms Meet In Tallahassee Once A Week To Discuss The Issues That Are Currently In Process In Both Houses. And They Divy Up Expertise For Committee Meetings And Other Things. That's How It Works In My Experience. Like Some Of You, I Have A Fair Amount Of Experience.

Mr. Chairman, I Know I'm Overstepping Because We Have A Motion On The Floor. You Know, I Think That's Great In Theory. I Asked Last Year, We Initiated Weekly Call-In. But I Still Think We Need A Lead Firm That Works With Staff On The Agenda.

That's What I'm Saying.

And Sees Where The Other Two Firms Can Come In. But To Say That All Three Are Equal And We're Gonna Divy This Up, I Don't Think That Works. So Again, I'm Gonna Ask The Motion Maker If That Was Your Motion Or Not?

The Motion Is To Approve Item 1-B On The Administrative Agenda. Commissioner, I'm Not One To Say Somebody Is Number One, Two, Or Three.

That's What The Blue Sheet Says.

That's Fine. You Can Come Up With A Lead Firm. If That's The Case Of Grey Robinson, That's What It Is. But I'm Telling You Right Now, This Work Is Going To Be Given Out Based On Their Expertise As You Aptly Stated.

I Don't Have A Problem With That. As Long As We're Following The Blue Sheet, Because That's What The Recommendation Is.

Once Again, I'm Glad To Have The Depth On The Bench.

Absolutely.

Commissioner Manning, Your Motion. Who Is Gonna Make That Decision? Who Gives Out The Work?

Staff In Conjunction With The Lobbyist Firms. That's Always Been The Case In Tallahassee That There Is Some Expertise In One Firm, Another And Another. Let Them Get Together. We've Got Three Good Firms. The Blue Sheet Is What It Is, Let's Follow The Blue Sheet. If There's Any Bumps And Bruises In The Middle Of The Road, They'll Come Back And Tell Us.

I'm Comfortable With How The Blue Sheet Is Written.

The Term Lead Lobbyist, That's Not About That Firm Making Decisions And Assigning Work To The Other Firms. It's More Of A Collaborate Effort. And The Responsibility Of The Lead Firm Is To Insure That Everything Is Coordinated, That All The Meetings Are Covered And They Do That In Conjunction With Our Staff Representative During Those Weekly Meetings. It's A Very Dynamic Process.

My Only Question Is, Is Your Office Gonna Be Delegating It Out? Or Will It Be The Liaison Of The Board Next Year Doing That?

You Could Do That However You Like. If You Want To Be The Liaison, We Can Do That. Or During Those Weekly Meetings In Tallahassee, Based On The Dynamic That Week, Then We Can Assign It That Way. But It's Based On Expertise, What The Issues Are At Any Given Time And Making Sure The Committee Meetings Are Covered And Making Sure That We're Getting Our Message To The Appropriate Legislators And Getting The Staff Appointments That We Need In Order To Get Around And Do Our Own Work.

I Want To Make Sure That Everyone Understands, There's A Depth Of Staff. I Mean, You Have Over 200 People In These Offices. So There's Not Like We're Working With Just One Person Here And Four People Over There. Grey Robins Has A Big Firm. There's A Lot Of Resources There. So I'm Not Worried About Covering Committee Meetings On Any Given Time.

If I May, Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Mann?

The Blue Sheet Clearly Says The Committee Agreed To Recommend The Following Ranking. I Just Wanted That Clear On The Record Here. When I First Heard This Recommendation, I Was Not Pleased About It. And I'm Still Not Pleased. I've Expressed My Thoughts On Lobbying On The Big Picture In General. I Want To

Commend Him For His Candor And Describing The Political Nature Of What We're About To Do Here. It Is Terribly Political. And The Best A County Manager Can Do Is Throw It Back To Us And Let Us Play This Game That We're Playing Right Now. I Wish You Well In That Selection Process.

Any Other Discussion?

Do We Have A Second For Commissioner Manning?

You Seconded It.

Any Objections?

No. Yes, I Support It.

Any Objections?

Yes, Yes.

Three Objections, Motion Failed.

No, I Support It. I'm Sorry.

So It Passed 3-2.

Yes.

Move Item 2-A, Mr. Chairman.

I Just Want To Thank You For Your Thoughtful Consideration. We'll Work With Your Staff And Make Sure This Works Smoothly For The County. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You.

I'm Sorry, Commissioner Manning Did You Make A Motion On 2-A? Commissioner Manning, Did You Say You Make A Motion On 2-A?

Yes, I Did. I'm Sorry.

Second.

It's Gonna Be One Of Those Days.

Any Discussion, Any Objection?

No Objection, Motion Carries.

Move 5-A, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes A Motion On 5-A. I'll Second For Discussion.

I Had A Lot Of Calls On This One, Mr. Chairman. I Saw The Appraisal Of \$3.6 Million. We're Looking At A Purchase Of \$3 Million. In The Past, We've Had A Lot Of That On The Blue Sheet. We're Still Paying \$1 Million An Acre. I Want To Just, For The Record Purposes, Put On The Record That What Are The Development Opportunities On This Site. What Could Be Built There, What Couldn't Be There And How We're Moving Forward That The Property Is Going To Be 100% Half A Conservation? What's Happening With It, Because I Think It's Still A Small Amount Compared To \$25 Million, It's Still \$1 Million An Acre. And I Think We Just Need A Little More On The Record.

Good Morning, Commissioners. For The Record, Karen County Lands. We Did Obtain Two Appraisals. The Higher Was \$3.62 Million. The City Of Sanibel Planning Director, We Sat Down With Him And Went Through The Potential Development Of The Site. And He Indicated That Indeed The Property Would Be Able To Take On Three Separate Single Family Units. As Part Of The Two Appraisals That Were Done, We Have Accumulation Of Nine Sales And Or Listings. That Fully Support The Million Dollar Single Family Unit Price. We Feel That It Makes Sense In Relationship To What The Market Is Out There On Sanibel Island.

And I Think It's Notable To Add That Once We Purchase This, Are We Titling It Over To The State?

The County Would Remain In Title. That's A Requirement Of Conservation 2020 Purchases. We Will Bring That M.O.U. Back To The Board For Full Disclosure.

We Will Make Sure That It Is Definitely In Compliance With The Integrity Of The Conservation Program.

It's Generally A Policy Class Act That We Don't Buy Huge Property. Houses And That Sort Of Thing. Historically, We Haven't Bought Many Or Any.

We Have Bought Properties That Have Had More Dilapidated Structures.

I Mention It Simply Because There Was A Suggested Property In Buckingham Only 2-3 Years Ago. It Was A Home That People Used --

To Clarify, The Property The County Would Be Pursuing Does Not Have The Life Of State. There Is Another Home That Is On The Piece.

That Is Not Our Piece.

That Is Not Our Piece. They'll Be Working With Mr. And Mrs. Woodring. -- There's

Been Discussion Of Demolishing The Building. That Would Be At The Cost Of U.S. Fish And Wild Life. However, My Understanding Is That Some Additional Conversation Has Taken Place Where U.S. Fish May Want To Use That As An Off-Site Office Or Some Other Type Of Facility That Would Be In Conjunction With The Refuge.

There Was No Value Given To The Improvements On The Parcel That We Would Be Purchasing. The \$3 Million Value Is Based On --

You've Clarified That For Me. I Think It Is Without Precedent To Buy A Piece Of Land That Expensive Where At Least The One House Is Gonna Be Gone At Some Time And Somebody Else Is Paying For That Parcel Any Way. If That Makes It A Little Easier.

Whether Or Not This Is The Right Application. Several Things, I Just Want To Skip Around. First I'd Like To Recognize That There Was A Proclamation From Sanibel In 2011 Supporting This Project. We Recognize That And Also Recognize The Fact That They Have Contributed A Substantial Amount As An Area To This Program.

I Agree With The Fact That This Is Out Of Normal -- Out Of The Norm.

Yes, Sir. What's Come Out From The Blue Ribbon And So Forth, We Are Considering What To Do With Development Rights That May Remain To What We Purchase. We Are Not Changing The Land Use Into A Conservation Type Of Land Use Until We Identify What We Will Be Doing With Any Density At This Time.

We Haven't Gotten Into That Discussion Specifically On This Purchase. Before We Would Put Any Conservation Category On The Preservation Of The Property, We Will Be Discussing What To Do With The Three Potential Units, Yes.

Almost \$2 Million. And It Is Almost The Same Size Parcel That We Are Pursuing. However, Due To Its Configuration And Having Much More Van Grove Characteristics On The Lake Side, Lady Lake, It Would Only Take On Two Units In The Marketplace. The Total Amount Of Points That One Property May Receive Is 60. This Property Received 29 Of Those 60 Points. However, Class Act Will Also Consider Connectivity To Other Preserves. Also, If Someone's Gonna Take Over The Maintenance And Keep That Cost Down For The County, Those Kind Of Factors Play Into Their Overall Decision Making. But They Rate The Properties. But Not All Properties That Are Below A Certain Number Don't Get Forwarded On. They Forward It On Based On These Other Issues. And Once It Comes To Our Office, As It's Been Approved By Class Act, Our Charge Under This Program Is To Move Forward With The Acquisition.

Right, And I Appreciate That. So Out Of 60, Is There A Pass-Fail In Terms Of, You Know, 50% Is Acceptable Or Not. I Appreciate The Fact That You Look At Maintenance As A Cost That Was Deferred. Would They Also Look At The Fact That

This Comes Off The Tax In Tune Of About \$10,000?

There's Actually A Two Part Review Process. There's The Initial Criteria Which Is A Seven Cry -- Criterian Process. That Is Done Prior To A Site Inspection. The Property Must Garner 4 Out Of 7 Points In Order To Be Considered To Go Forward In The Program. Once The Property Goes Through That, Then A Site Inspection Is Set Up With The Owner And The Various Environmental Representatives. And Class Act Members Will Go Out On Site. Mr. Wheaten Is Faithfully Always On Every Site And Thoroughly Checks It Out For Us. As Far As The Water Quality Issues, Flood Control Issues, The Various Habitats That They Are Finding On The Sites, Various Animal Life. It Gets Points For The Size. This Did Not Get Any Points Because It's Small. But It Did Get Points For Being Contiguous To A Preserve, An Existing Preserve. It Got Points Because Of The Management Arrangement That We Would Plan To Work Out With U.S. Fish And Wild Life. As Far As Class Act, Looking At What's Coming Off The Tax Roll, That Is Not One Of The Criteria.

That's Something That You Do, Then?

We Don't, We Do Not Look At What's Coming Off The Tax Roll. Our Charge And The Way That The Ordinance Was Written And The Way That The Land Acquisition Program Is Set Up Is That We Go And Get Independent Appraisals By Certified State Appraisers. And In This Case, Two Are Required. And We Review Those, Plus We Look At Listings That Are Out In The Market. And We Are Looking As Though We Are A Market Buyer. And Our Negotiations Are Based Along The Lines Of The Appraisals. But As You Can See In This Case, We Didn't Go To Our Lowest Appraised Value. We Went Lower Than That.

If I May, So Is There Anyone That Looks At The Cost And How Much It Cost For The Entire, For The Whole Program? How Much Money Are We Really Spending On The Property? It's Obviously A Little Bit More Than A Million An Acre Since We're Gonna Be Losing Money On The Tax Roll. Is That Incorporated And Presented To Anybody In Terms Of Justifying The Purchase?

No, It Has Not Been Part Of Our Review Process. And I Guess There's Been Discussion, Maybe, On The Other Side. Property That The County Takes Title To. And These Kind Of Programs May Actually Influence In A Positive Manner Adjacent Private Properties.

I Appreciate That. That Wasn't My Question. The Question Was, Financially, Is Somebody Actually Looking At The Pluses And Minuses And Doing Any So It Didn't Hit 50%. Is There Any Qualification Or Determination From There That Says That This Is Applicable To The 2020 Program?

Your Advisory Committee Has Not Set A Threshold On The Point System.

Those Are My Questions. I Appreciate It. I Hope It Didn't Sound Like I Think It Did.

But I'm Very Interested In Whether The Piece Of Property Is Strategic Or Important. But In Terms Of The 2020 Program, And This Is One Of The First Purchases That's Been Made In Quite A While. This Is Very Much Out Of The Norm. It's A Tough One To Start Off With. I Think That If There Was A Way To Look At Other Programs To See If It Would Be More Advisable To Use Funding Elsewhere And Save The 2020 -- I'd Probably Be More In Favor Of That.

Commissioner Kiker, You Have A Response About The Transfer Development Rights? You Were Trying To Comment Earlier.

Karen Covered It. We're Working On That Program Now.

That's Helpful. Because It Really Does Change Things Quite A Bit.

Commissioner Manning, Commissioner Hall After That.

The Building That I Made Reference To Earlier Is Still Festering Here In My Mind And I Need Help. It Wasn't Clear From What You Said To Me, Any Way As To Whether You Or Anybody From The County Had Made A Commitment To The U.S. Fish And Wild Life Or To The Management About The Use Of That Building In The Future. I Just Want You To Assure Me That No Commitment On Behalf Of The County Has Been Made Or Implied That The Building Would Be Available For Use Later On.

There's Been No Commitment At This Time. There Have Been Discussions, Early Discussions. Word That The U.S. Fish And Wild Life As Part Of The Terms Of The Mem Ran Improvements. However, My Latest Understanding Is That The U.S. Fish And Wild Life May Decide To Utilize Some Of The Improvements.

They May, But They Would Have To With Our Permission Because We Own The Property.

Yes, Sir. That's Why We'll Come Back To You. Would You Like To Hear From Paul? You Would Have To Agree With It.

I Need As Much Clarification That I Can Get Here Today. We've All Gotten Letters And Phone Calls And Personal Visits On This.

And I Think In Our Hearts We'd All Like To Make This Happen. But I Want To Make It Happen Right. You Heard My Concerns.

We Would Honor The County's Wishes With Regards To The Structure On The Property. Obviously We Would Prefer That The Property Didn't Have The Structure On It. But Since It Has The Structure On It, There Was Some Interest On The Committee Level To Utilize That For The Life Of The Structure And Then Demolish It. But If It's The County's Wish To Go Ahead And Demolish It And Not Use It At All,

We Would Certainly Honor That.

The Life Of The Structure Could Be 100 Years. You Could Put A New Roof On And Keep Right Ongoing.

Whatever The County's Wish Is, We Would Honor.

Everyone Who's Spoken To Me About This And Mentioned The Building Pointed Out With Crass That The Building Would Be Coming Down And The Good People From The Federal Government Are Gonna Pay That Expense. Which Frankly Gave Me A Lot Of Comfort. So I Was Taken Back Here To Hear Something That Was Possibly Contrary To That. But You're Saying That It's Ok With You Guys. And You're Not Going To Ask That It Be Left Up?

If It's The Wish Of The County To Tear It Down, We'll Tear It Down.

You Bet You Will. Because We Own It. [Laughter]

But It Sounds To Me Like There's -- I'm Not Hearing Someone Say, No We're Not Gonna Talk About That Anymore.

Excuse Me For Talking While You're Interrupting.

It's Not Our Desire To Keep The Building.

I'll Accept That For Now. I Don't Want To Beat This Poor, Dead Horse. He's Already Dead.

We Don't Want To Beat This Horse Either. I Just Suggest That You Make That A Condition In Your Motion.

I'll Amend My Motion To Make That A Condition.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

Can I Get A Second On That?

I Second It.

Thanks Very Much Have.

Commissioner Hall?

I Apologize. The Point I Was Gonna Make Is We Can Control That Right Now Today And Not Worry About Having It Discussed Any Further. My Point On The T.D.R., The T.D.R. Program, We Would Have To Have Sanibel Agree To Allow Us To -- Or Can It

Be Used Within The City Of Sanibel. It Does Not Mean That We Can Play With Sanibel's Density And Use That Unless They Have A Program That Compliments Ours. The Other Challenge We're Gonna Have With Our T.D.R. Program Is They're Trying To Create A Bank. That's Different Than Just Transferring. We're Gonna Have Some Challenges In Working Through Them. So I Don't Think That We Should, If You're Uncomfortable, I Don't Think We Can Count On Those Three Units Going Anywhere.

There's Gotta Be Rhyme Or Reason For It. I Think There's Still Concern On This Board, At Least On My Part Of How We're Looking At These Appraisals. And If We Didn't Purchase This Land, What Would Be The Negative Impact To Not Having It 100% Conserved Versus Having It. I Live In Front Of A Preserve. I Know That I Don't Fertilize My Lawn. I'm Very Sensitive Of The Fact That My Backyard Is A Preserve. I'm Sensitive Of That. So My Struggle With This One, Because It's So Small, Is That. I Love The Fact That We're Trying To Put Legs On Our Money. And We're Having A More Joint. I'm 50/50 On This One. And It's A Struggle For Me Because I Appreciate Commissioner Kiker, You Going Through That List Of Items. Because I Think It's Important That We Have Those Thoughtful Conversations On All Of These Acquisitions. I Think That's What The Public Is Asking Us To Do. So I Certainly Had No Issue With The Questions. I Think They're All Very Appropriate. And I Think That We Need To Think About Them. I'm Actually Listening And Hearing Because I'm Right On The Fence On This One, Actually. I Just, I Look At The Impact That They've Had. Especially Right Now When We're Talking About Our Water Shed And What's Happening And The Positive Exacts Its Had And Can We Add Six More Acres To That On One Of Our Jewels That We Have That Promotes Economic Development And All The Things That We Talk About Doing. Sanibel, The City Itself Has Been Very Strong On Its Conservation. To Live Out There Is Not Easy. If You Just Want To Add A Porch. They're Very, Very Restrictive. I'm 50/50 On This One. I'm Struggling With It. And I Guess I'm Kind Of Looking For Maybe A Little More Thought From You All.

Commissioner Kiker?

I Appreciate The Small Amount Of Acreage That Was Bought At Fort Myers Beach. It's Small, But It's Important. It's An Important Piece Of Property On That Island. So I Get It. I Understand That. My Concern Here Is That As We Attempt To Manage Our Resources, As Well As Our Dollars Is Again My Question Of The Application Of The 2020 Program Dollars For This Property For The Intended Use. And I Think We Can Back That Up. I Apologize, It Is 25 Out Of 60. But I Question The Intent When We Say It Did Not Score That High. Are There Any Other Programs That Might Even Be Worth Looking At This Point?

Commissioner Kiker, My Apologies. I Misread The Number. The Record Should Reflect That It's 25 Points. I'm Not Aware Of Any Program. We're Gonna Be Discussing What The State Is Doing, Potential Surpluses To Get Money So They Can Continue With Their Florida Forever Program. And Through The Florida Forever

Program, There Are Certain Grants That The County Can Make Pursue. But It's Kind Of A Little Bit Of An It's Not Time Sensitive On The Time Of The County. But Fish And Wild Life Is Under A Contractual Arrangement With The Woodrings. The Closing Could Go All The Way Up To March Of Next Year.

I Have A Motion.

Long Morning, Huh?

Will The State Continue Their Efforts Of The Partial? Or Will They Step Up?

I Really Can't Answer For Them. No, They Would Not.

Thank You. Any Other Discussion From The Board?

Mr. Chairman, Only This. Commissioner Hall, I Share Your Nervousness On This One. We Owe Them A Great Debt For All They Have Done To Make The Program Successful. With Their Dollars, And Yet We Have Never Bought A Single Piece Of Property On The 2020 Program On Sanibel. This Is The First Opportunity To Come Along. Sanibel Is Not A Cheap Place To Buy Anything. I'm Prepared To Make This Commitment And Go Ahead And Close The Deal.

Any Other Discussion? Any Objection To The Item? No Objection, Motion Carries. Thank You.

Move 7-A, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Hall Seconds. Any Other Discussion? Any Objection?

I'm Sorry, 7-A? I Need Some Assurance From Somewhere. The Different Between The Quotes -- Mr. Chairman, If I May Proceed. On The Number One And Number Two Are So Far Apart. That Didn't Give You All A Little Bit Of Concern And How You Feel Confident That We're Gonna Be Able To Move Forward On The Low Bid, Which Is So Low. Sometimes That's A Little Frightening. I Just Need Your Comments On That.

The Firm's Toward The Building, They Know What They Have In Store. And The Lowest Bid Just Happens To Be The Company Who Just Completed Doing A Complete Repipe Of The Cape Coral Government Complex. They've Had The Experience. They Know What They're In For. We Feel It's Ok To Go With Them.

Ok, Thank You.

Any Objections To The Motion? No Objection, Motion Carries.

Move 8-A, Mr. Chairman.

Second.

Any Discussion?

I Just Want To Thank Council Member Denham. He Was The Driving Force Behind Putting This Program Together In Multicities, Different Jurisdictions. And I Want To Thank Him To Doing That.

And Their Continued Leadership On This. Sanibel Is Still Running In Front Of The Pack On This One. Thank You.

Any Other Discussion, Commissioner Hall?

I Just Want To Put In Context, When We Look At The Fresh Flows And The Numbers That Are Out There. The Numbers Are Huge What's Coming In Our Basin. This Education Component Is Nothing Compared To The Benefits We'll Get If People Listen To What We're Telling Them. So While We've Got A Lot More People Aware Of What's Happening Because Of The Releases, I Think Kurt Told Me This Morning We Had 11,000 Cubic Feet Of Water Coming Out Of F-79. Which Means The Different Is Basin. That's A Big Difference. I Thank The Staff And Sanibel For Willing To Corporate With Us On This.

Any Other Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

Move 8-B, Mr. Chairman.

Second.

Commissioner Hall, Seconds. Any Other Discussion?

I Do.

Commissioner Kiker?

I Just Wanted A Clarification. This Seems To Be Project Specific. But My Understanding Is That The Analysis And The Study That You're Asking For Goes Way Past That. And If So, Can You Explain That?

Good Morning, Commissioners. Yes, Commissioner This Is A Comprehensive Study For That Region. It Receives Storm Water. Southwest Florida Water Management District Activities And Water Sheds. This Should Be Very Complimentary To That Work.

Thank You For That. Any Other Discussion? Commissioner Mann?

Thank You For The Half Hour Briefing You Gave Me On This Yesterday. You Know My Frustration. We've Done Big Studies On This Project. Lots Of Big Studies. We Were Talking About This Issue Before I Got On The Board Seven Years Ago. Now We're Gonna Have One More Big Study After The One We Approved Last Year With New Monitoring. We Needed It Any Way. I've Heard All That.

This Contract Is A Little Over \$270 Thousand.

And When We Get That Study, It Has Been My Experience. And That Experience Tells Me We Will Probably Then Launch Into Another Debate As To The Meaning Of The Results Of The Study. I'm Not Mad At You. You've Been Caught In The Middle Of This Cross Fire Since It Began. I Appreciate Your Stand Up And Saying What's On Your Mind. But I Have No Confidence In The Information Coming From This New Study That That Is Gonna Give Us The Clarity We Need To Make A Decision On Whether To Reinstate, Reinstall Or Just To Leave It Open And Fine Plan B.

I've Been Watching The River, This Thing Is Weighing Heavy On Me. I Try To Yield To You Guys. You Guys Get Caught Up In It And We're Getting Beat Both Ways On It. But I Have Watched Mother Nature At Work Here. And I've Watched Us Try To Tinker With It. I've Watched The Shorelines Of Sanibel, Fort Myers Beach And Bonita And The Passes Fill In And Empty Themselves With Mother Nature In Charge. And We Don't Like What She Does, We Spend A Lot Of Money And Fill In A Bunch More Sand And Mother Nature Still Takes Charge. Mother Nature Blew This Thing Out. And It's My Understanding That The Tides Today Are Higher Than They Ever Were. And Likely To Go Still Higher. So I Don't Even Know If We Rebuilt This Thing Exactly Like It Was Whether It's Gonna Achieve The Purpose It Was Originally Intended For. I See Every Year Fresh Water Come Down. Depending On How Much Rain Depends On How Much They Release. And That Affects The Flow. I Want Somebody To Do A Study That Tells Me Precisely If And Then. If You Do This, Then This Is What's Gonna Happen. We Haven't Done That Yet. What I'm Sick And Tired Of Hearing Are Youngsters. And I Love You Guys In The Media Back There. But You Youngsters Have Come Down Here And Your Producers Tell You To Go Out And Do A Story About The Devastation In The River And The Water Coming Down Because It's Dark This Year. And That Dark Water, Before They Get Through Telling The Story On The 6:00 O'clock News Is The Reason We're Having Red Tide. Which Any Scientist Will Tell You Always Forms Offshore, Not From Things That Are Happening On The River. And The Dark Water, That's Tan Ic Acid. It's Been Occurring For 100,000 Year. It's Tea, Iced Tea. If You Put Rain On A Million Acres And Saturate The Ground And Let It Run To The River, Guess What It's Gonna Turn Brown. And If That Hasn't Killed A Fiddler Crab Yet. It's Been Doing That For 100,000 Years Since Florida Came Out Of The Ocean. It Was Part Of The Atlantic Before That. So We're Gonna Do One More Big Study. Another \$200,000. And Mother Nature Is Gonna Continue To Do Her Thing And No Study Yet Has Been Absolutely Definitive As Something Is Happening To That Water. We've Had Studies On Top Of Studies. And The U.S. Army Core Of Engineers, This Is Their Core Jurisdiction. They Don't Care About This Issue. All Of These Major Environmental Groups And All Of The Other

Lack Of Other Information, We're Gonna Solve All This With One More \$200,000 Study? I'm Studied Out. There Have Been Strong, Many Recommendations As To Where We Can Put Our \$1.5 Million And Do Really Serious Environmental Improvements Based On Scientific Evidence That We Do In Fact Already Enjoy. I'm Ready To Go There. Don't Start Clapping, There's Only Two Of You Any Way. [Laughter]

The Other Guys Will Start Booing. [Laughter]

I'm Just Trying To Express My Frustration On How We've Been Seven Years On This Issue And We're No Closer To A Resolution Than We Were Seven Years Ago. And I'm Not Spending Another Penny On Another Study. Thank You. Colleagues, I Apologize For The Time And The Melodrama.

Thank You. I Appreciate The History Lesson.

Everything Takes So Long And I Get Frustrated As Well Because We're All Here All Day And We Feel Like We're Constantly Spinning Our Wheels. And We Ask For Something, We Move Forward And Eight Years Later Here We Are. But I Feel Like We Spend A Lot Of Time, Almost Three Years On The Big Committee. We Set Aside \$1.5 Million. I Appreciate You Moving It Back Over To See This. There's A Lot Of Issues In This, Besides The Boat Lift. There's A Lot Of Other Issues In This Very Sensitive Area. There's A Lot Of Habitat. The Study Goes Beyond Just The Boat Lift. It Goes On, What Is The Best Protocol To Insure The Health Of This Area. That Is Contingent. Nothing Stays The Same. Unless We Just Stop Right Now. Then Things Will Stay The Same. That's Not Gonna Happen. I Do Support, I Think That This Is A Better Investment Of Our Money Than The \$3 Million Plus To Go Into A Lawsuit. My Goal Is What's Best For This And What's Happening On The Ground And What's Happening In The Water. I Feel Like We're Getting The Benefit Of All That Information. In Addition To Getting Us Closer To A Resolution. Or At Least This Board Saying Yes Or No. If Someone Wants To Sue Us Over That Decision, So Be It. I Feel Like We're Moving Towards What Our Goal Should Be. The Health And Welfare Of This Water Body And The Surrounding Lands That Are Adjacent To It. I Hear You, But I'm Still Gonna Support This Because I Like The Plan That They Have In Going Down That Road And Using Science And Not A Motion. And I Appreciate All The Work That You've Done. I Still Don't Have Enough Information To Say Who's Right And Who's Wrong. I Apologize. It's Not Geared To Any Particular Project.

This Kind Of Answers Commissioner Mann's Comment. In Terms Of We Have Never Received Information That Says What Happens If You Do This And What Happens If You Do That. This Will Provide A Tool To Do Different Alternatives. We're Trying To Break It In Pieces. The Second Phase Of This Will Be Fgcu That Will Be Doing Other Information To Wrap This Up And Get Back To Us With A Process That We Can Move Forward With. That's Part Of The Settlement Agreement That Came Up.

Thank You.

I Just Want To Say That I Was Hesitant About This Whole Motion. I'm Looking Forward To Being The Last Study That We Have To Vote On For This.

Hopefully We Won't Have To Talk About This In Ten Years, Commissioner Mann. I'm Gonna Support It As The Last Time I Vote For A Study On This. Any Other Discussions? Any Objection?

Oh Yes.

I'm Gonna Have To Object On This One.

Ok. 3-2. Thank You.

Moving Right Along.

Moving To Public Hearings. First Public Hearing Number One.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Donna Marie Collins.

You Still Work Here?

Yes, I Do.

I Have Before Me The Affidavit Publication For A Public Hearing This Morning To Adopt And Certify The Special Assessment Roles For 35 Msbu's For Collection By The Tax Collector For Fiscal Year 2013-2014. And I Have To Beg Your Indulgence While I Read Those Msbu's Into The Record. I Promise To Be Quick.

Any Public Comment On This Item?

Move The Item.

Second.

Second Commissioner Manning. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection?

No Objection, Public Hearing Number Two?

Apologize For All The Trees I Killed In Having This Printed Up.

Good Morning Mr., Commissioners. We're Here For Public Hearing Number Two In Regards To The Solid Waste Assessment Role For 2013-2014. I've Reviewed The Affidavit Publication. It's Legally Sufficient. I'll Enter It Into The Record.

Any Public Comment On Public Hearing Number Two?

Move The Item.

Second.

Public Comment Is Closed, Commissioner Manning Seconds. Any Discussion From The Board? No Discussion, Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. Thank You. Public Hearing Number Three? Good Morning, John.

Good Morning, Commissioners. This Is Your Third Public Hearing This Morning For Your 9:30 A.M. Agenda. I Have An Affidavit Of Publication With Respect To The Petition To Vacate That's Coming Before You. It Is Legally Sufficient With Respect To Form And Content. This Is Case Number Vac-2013-00009. 60 Foot Wide Unimproved But Planted Road Right Of Way Between River Ranch Road And Three Oaks Parkway.

Anyone From The Public Wish To Speak On Public Hearing Number Three?

Move The Item.

Second.

Three People Moved It.

Any Other Discussion? Any Objections? Thank You. Good Morning.

Good Morning, Commissioners. For The Record, Andrea Fraiser. This Is Your Public Hearing Number Four. I've Already Providing The Affidavit Of Information To The Clerk. They Have Been Incorporated Into The Minutes. Since It Was Continued To A Specific Date And Time, You Can Proceed With The Public Hearing At This Time.

Anyone Wish To Speak On This Public Hearing?

Move The Item.

Second.

Commissioner Hall Moves, Commissioner Manning Seconds. Discussion From The Board? Commissioner Kiker?

I Intend To Support This Based On That We Understand That This Fee Increase Is A Tax Increase. And The Understanding That I Have Going Into This Is That There's Gonna Be A Reduction In The Trim Rate That Was Sent Out To Compensate For This. And I Just Want To Make Sure That We're On The Same Page.

That's Gonna Be Up To Us.

I Understand. Thanks. That Was The Discussion That We Had Coming Into This From Our Last Monday Meeting.

But I Don't Think The County Manager Can Guarantee This. Because We're Gonna Have That Discussion.

I Am Supporting It Based Upon That.

Your Hopes That We Will Agree With You?

I Hope And Pray. And I Pray For You Too. [Laughter]

Move The Item. We Already Did That.

Any Other Discussion From The Board? Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

Second For Walk-On Number One. I'd Like To Recognize All The Applicants For This Process That Went Through. We Had Some Great Applicants. I'd Like To Thank Them. The Local Contestants For This.

I'm Very Pleased To Announce That A Very Impressive Negotiation For Donna Marie Collins For This Position. This Contract Before You Has No Severance Package For The Employee And Also No Car Allowance Based Upon The Contract. Any Other Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objections? Motion Carries. Thank You.

I'll Move To Conduct A Public Hearing For The Possible Elimination Of Transit Route 60 To September 4th, 2013. 5:00 P.M.

Moved.

Second.

Any Other Discussion? Any Objection, No Objection? Congratulations Donna Marie Collins.

Now She's Leaving. [Laughter]

Commissioner Items? Commissioner Manning?

Yes, Thank You. I Sent A Memorandum With An Attachment Regarding An E-Mail From Sergeant Lowe Requesting A Letter Of Recommendation To Be Included In A Memorialization Pact To Name The Coral Reserve Center For Sergeant Mark Anthony Who Died In Afghanistan Earlier This Year. My Purpose Is To Ask The Chair To Collaborate With Our Veteran Services Person To Write A Letter Of Recommendation. Because The Federal Government, Especially The Department Of

Defense Requires It. So If I May Have That Commissioner?

Commissioner Kiker Seconds, I Agree. Any Other Discussion, Any Objections? Do We Need To Vote For That, Andrea? No, Ok We're Good. Any Other Items, Sir?

No.

Commissioner Kiker, Commissioner Items?

Yes, I Do. Thank You, Mr. Chairman. I Consulted With Staff Earlier. Maybe They Can Help With This Conversation. It Was Brought To Our Attention This Late Last Week That There's A Possibility Of D. E.P. Is Proposing To Sell Surplus Parcels Of Land In Lee County.

Yes, Commissioners. On May 20th, The State Legislature Enacted A Law Which Allocated \$20 Million Towards The State's Florida Forever Program That I -- Allows Up To An Additional \$50 Million For Conservation Preservation Done By The State. But In Order To Obtain Up To \$50 Million, State Agencies Would Have To Surplus A Dollar Amount. So What Has Occurred, That There Has Been A Review Being Done By D. E.P. Actually, There's A Council That's Been Put Together. They're Reviewing All Of Their Assets In The Various Counties In The State And Identifying In Each Florida County What Could Possibly Be Surplused So That They Can Get That Money Recopped, Be Put Back Into The Florida Forever Program. In Lee County, We Have Been Reviewing Parcel By Parcel And The Actual Island And The Park Includes Upper Captiva As Well. But On The Island, There Are Eight Properties. And What We See Is That They Are Located, They Are Vacant Lots Located In Between The Houses. So What We Are Assuming Is That They Are Looking To Liquidate Those Parcels That Are More Difficult To Manage In The Residential Areas Of The Island. Down In Upper Captiva, Which Is Also Part Of The Park, There Are 13 Parcels That Are Identified. Out Of Those 13 Parcels From What We've Been Able To Tell, There's Only Three That Have Up Lands. Ten Of The Other Properties Appear To Be Submerged Lands. And Then There's The Parcel Which Is A Five Acre Piece. Two Of Them Are In Charlotte County, Just One In Lee County. And That Particular Piece Is Not Contiguous To Any Other Governmentally Owned Property. They Have Until September To Come Up With Their List. This Is Not Only The D. E.P. But Also South -- By September 1st, The Agencies Have To Provide Those Lists To The Trustees Of The Improvement Fund. The Governor And Cabinet. I'd Like Us To Be A Little Bit More Targeted As To Why They Don't Think We Should.

You're Right. I Don't Have A Problem Withing At The Value. But I Think You'll Find That There Is No Value Through Lee County.

I Understand, But Is There Value With The State -- I'm Asking Them To Do It Because There Is Environmental Value. They're Trying To Ascertain \$50 Million For Florida Forever.

That's Not Gonna Get Them Too Far For Their \$50 Million Prize.

I Understand. I Do Appreciate Them, Just Like We're Looking At Saying What's The Value To Us And What's Not.

That's Fine. I Said That's Fine.

I Will Tell You That I Was Involved In The Purchase Of These. When We First Established The State's Environmentally Changed Program. One Of The First -- In Fact We Bought All Who Were Willing Sellers At The Time That Were Willing To Turn It Loose.

Let Me Tell You, You Don't Have To Look After Islands Where Hardly Anybody Lives. And It's Not Our Responsibility To Worry About The Guy Next Door, Who Bought This House On A Barrier Island With No Protection, No Fire Service, No Nothing. I Think It's Critically Important That We Show Our Support For The State Maintaining What They Did And Commend Them For Their Courage Pa 35 Years Ago And Say Stay The Course. Birds Are There, Fish Are There. Thank You For Bringing It Up.

We Can Put Together A Report For You On Those Lands.

I Appreciate The Conversation. There's Not A Wholesale Effort To Get Rid Of It. That's One Of The Other Things I Wanted To Make Sure That People Understood. Thank You For Your Time And Your Attention.

Any Other Items?

No, Sir.

I Have An Announcement To Make. I Wish My Wife Of 25 Years, Today Is Our Anniversary. 25 Years Of Marriage.

[Applause]

What A Woman.

And I Came To Work Today.

My Condolences To Your Wife.

Thank You, I Will Pass It On To Her. Commissioner Mann?

I Know You'd Be Happy To Know I've Got Another Edition Of Frank Mann Press. This Was August 21st, Wednesday. Headline, Lee County Ranks High On Housing Rebound. It Has To Do With Our Reduction And Impact Fees So That We Could Spur Housing In Lee County. Cape Coral, Fort Myers Area Ranks Second Nationally On

The List Of Metro Areas Showing How Well Their Housing Markets Are Rebounding. Goes On To Say There Was An Index Used To Determine This Based On Seven Different Factors Relating To The Help Of The Real Estate Market. Construction And Real Estate Is Alive And Well In Lee County, Florida. And We Don't Need To Keep Giving Money Away On Impact Fees. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You Commissioner Ron Burgundy. [Laughter]

Thank You, Commissioner Hall?

I've Just Got A Couple Things. If You'll Take One And Pass It Down. Our Town Hall Meeting Is Finally Ready To Go On Our Water Issues. As I Said, I Was Able To Attend The Meeting That Our Colleague Commissioner Judah Moderated Last Night. It Was Well Attended Over 120 Residents There.

Not A Lot Has Happened. There's Concern About The Funding. Because We Can't Be Reimbursed For That Plan. We Are Looking For Opportunities. Apparently There Was Some Noise That Alabama Received A Grant To Get Their Plan Started. So We're Looking Into That. The Next Meeting Is Really Gonna Be About Funding This Plan If We Have To Come Back To The Counties And Ask For Some Funding That We Won't Be Reimbursed. Whether We Want To Look At The Counties Once We Get Money To Borrow From That Pot One To Pot Three. That's Where We're At Right Now. There's A Lot Of Frustration That Things Aren't Moving Faster. But It Is The Nature Of The Beast Knowing That This Is A Federal Government Process. There's A Lot Of The States Going On, Meetings Going On Right Now. I Appreciate Our Staff Keeping Track Of All This. Because It's Not Easy. I'm A Little Overwhelmed Right Now Because Things Are Moving And They're Moving On Multiple Levels. I Want To Thank Them For Really Kind Of Tracking All Of This Comprehensively. You'll Be Getting A One Pager On A Restore Meeting This Week. I Just Haven't Had The Chance To Catch Up With Staff. Right After The Restore Meeting Was The County Of Policies Meeting. And The Meeting That's Coming Up, We Have A Policy Meeting To Finalize Our State Lobbying And State Issues In West Palm Beach On September The 18th. That's Our Public Hearing. Our Last Public Hearing. I'm Gonna Be Driving And Going Back And Forth To Make Sure That We're Covered On All Of Those Issues. Again, If There's Any Questions We're Gonna Try And Keep These Updates To You To Just One Page. So You Can Bullet Point What's Happening. I'm Here To Tell You, It's Not A Lot. Other Than Us Taking A Lot Of Time To Meet With Each Other.

Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

Yes.

I Have None. Commissioner Mann?

I'll Read One While He's Looking.

To The Lehigh Acres Street Lighting District.

Second.

Any Other Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. Commissioner Kiker?

Thank You. Stephen Brown To Roadway Landscape And Roy Hendry.

Second.

Any Other Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection? Commissioner Hall, Do You Have An Appointment?

Any Discussion, No Discussion, Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. County Manager Items?

Mr. Chair, Thank You. I Have A Couple Of Items. First One Follow Thing Commissioner Hall's Report On Water Quality Issues. Second One, We're Scheduled To Have An M And P In The Month Of September On September 9th. It's The Second Week Of September Because The First Week Of September Is Labor Day Weekend. We Had Nothing Scheduled For The 9th. And On The Afternoon Of The 9th, Doug Mure And Our Parks Director And I Will Be Traveling To Washington D.C. And A Developer To Talk With The Washington Nationals. It's A Fact Finding Meeting. We'll Be Playing Up On Monday The 9th In The Afternoon And Coming Back On The 10th Following An Evening Meeting. So I'd Ask That You Cancel The M And P For The 9th. We Have Nothing Scheduled At The Moment.

Do You Agree To That? All In Favor? Good.

Thank You. Just One Last Item. There's Been An Awful Lot Of -- You All Are Getting An Awful Lot Of E-Mails, As Am I About The Budget Reductions We've Been Talking About. I Can't Tell You The Amount Of Time Both In Ours And Staff Time We've Spent Working With Some Of The Media To Help Them Understand Exactly What Our Intentions Are. In Particular With The Extension Service. How We Plan To Continue To Provide Services. In Spite Of The Fact That We're Reducing The Budget. The University Of Florida Extension Service Folks Are Doing The Same Thing. I Think It's Really Important For Everybody To Know That In My Conversation With The University Of Florida People, That Their Main Problem Is That They Have A 14% Budget Reduction That We're Working With Themselves. And The Employees That They Have In Lee County, Even Though It's A Shared Funding, Their Problems Is That Most Of Them Are Tenured Employees. They Don't

Know What To Do With Those Employees If We're Not Paying Part Of Their Salary Given Their Budget Condition. I Think It's Important To Try To Keep This In Perspective. And We're Gonna Continue To Do Our Best To Work With The Media To Make Sure That What We See Is Balanced Out There. I Just Wanted To Say That.

I'm Glad You Brought That Up. I Have A Couple Comments Of Commissioner Kiker Too. We Need To, From Our Office, To Have A Balanced Approach Also To Respond To The Media And Our Constituents. When I Respond To Our Neighbors Here In Lee County, We Know Exactly What Service Is Being Cut. So If We Can Do That Information, We Need That Information. Make Sure My Office Gets That.

We'll Be Happy To Do That. We're Working On That Piece Right Now.

I Think It Would Be Great To Get Some Of This Information Out Consistently And Let Us Tell Our Story On What's Going On. And I Would Appreciate That Effort.

We'll Send It To All Five Of You.

And Then One Other Thing, Kind Of A Side Comment Is That I'm New To This Budget Process, Obviously. But The Constitutional Offices, I Know We've Got Two Different Groups. Are We Gonna Have A Chance To Have Another M And P Discussion With Them About Their Budget?

Well, In September Would Be Our Last Opportunity For An M And P. And Thanks For Bringing That Up. We Have Not Invited Any Of The Constitutionals In For That Conversation. But When You Talk About The Sheriff And The Supervisor, Those Are The Two That Have Increased Budgets. If You So Choose, We're Happy To Invite Them In During The Next Board Meeting. If You'd Like To Have Some Conversation About The Budgets Or If You Choose During The Public Hearing.

I'd Like That.

I Don't Have A Problem Doing It Under County Manager Items And Setting Some Time Aside. And I Don't Have A Time Doing It At The Public Budget Hearing. Either One Is Fine With Me. Going Back To Extension Services, Thank You For Itemizing. It's Confusing To Me What We Are And What We're Not. But More Importantly, The Whole Program Over There If Dave Could Kind Of Give Us What We're Doing And Where We Are. If We Could Just Kind Of Have That. I Completely Support Where They're Going. I Know I Had A Conversation With Extension Services Over A Year Ago To Get With Us To Really Evaluate The Program And To Really Show Us Our Return On Investments And What We Could Work Together With To Try And Get To This Budget. And I Was A Little Embarrassed When They Came In. But They Didn't Come In With Their Team From Fort Myers. And They Hadn't Even Talked To Their Team In Fort Myers. And I'm Being Lobbied For Something That They Don't Have All The Information On. So I Think There's A Disconnect In U.F. With What They're Doing Here In Fort Myers. And I Don't Know If The Rest Of You Got The Same

Information. But They Started Talking About The New Programs They Were Gonna Add If We Would Just Continue Our Existing Funding, Which Is Programming That We're Already Doing. So They're Making A Recommendation Without Even Talking To Our Staff And Really Looking At What We're Paying For Now And What That Value Is. So I Would Recommend, Again, And I Know Dave Has Reached Out To Them. I Reached Out To Them Way Ahead Of Budget. I'm A Little Bit Disappointed That We're Getting All Of This Onslaught In The Last 30 Days Of Our Budget Process When We've Asked To Partner With Them As We've Always Partnered With Them. And Now The Rubber Has Hit The Road. Thank You For The List. That'll Be Helpful. But I Want Us To Be Sure That We're Servicing The Proper Amounts. That We're Also Getting A Return On The Investment To Our Community And To Our Citizens.

Commissioner, We're Looking At Some Of The Numbers That We've Been Reading About In The Paper About Return On Investment And Value Volunteer Dollars And Money Saved And All Those Things. We're Taking A Look At That Now And We'll Be Reporting Back To You.

Where Do You Want To Put The Sheriff And The Supervisor?

I Think To Invite The Others In Probably Doesn't Accomplish Much.

I'm Fine With Just The Two, Then.

Do You Want Them At The Next Hearing Or At The Public Meeting?

I Think A Work Shop, If That's At All Possible. Is That A Hearing Date That You're Talking About, The Next One?

Our Next Public Hearing Is The 5th.

I Don't Have A Lot Of -- Sorry, I'm Double Timing It With My Committee Of Liaisons. I Don't Have A Lot Of Extra Hours In The Day To Have A Real Work Shop. So If We Could Put It On An Existing Meeting, That Would Be Better For Me.

Have It On The County Manager Items.

That's Fine.

Thank You.

Commissioner Mann, Did You Have Comments?

Will You Remind Me What The Budget Recommendations Are So Far As They Relate To The Supervisor And The Sheriff's Office?

I Guess We Do Need Tot Another Come To Jesus Meeting Here. We're Sitting Here Cutting Bus Routes That Carry Develop Mentally Disabled People To The Only Job They Can Get To. We're Cutting Those And The Sheriff Is Getting A \$4 Million Increase. We Are Not Through With Our Budget Deliberations. And I Hope That We Reserve The Opportunity When We Get Into These Two Official Budget Hearings Which Go So According To The Book And They Have To Do These Things And Read It In And There's Not Much Time For Change. I Hope We Will Plan To Spend Some Late Evenings Here, If Necessary, To Get This Done Right.

County Attorney Items?

No, Thank You.

At This Time We Have Public Comment From Citizens. We Have Three Minutes To Speak. I Have One Blue Card At This Time For Public Comment.

Good Morning.

Is It Still Morning?

I Better Talk Fast. Good Morning, Commissioners. Good Morning, Mr. Chairman.

We're Gonna Take Up A Collection To Get You A Watch.

You Know, My Church Did That. And I Looked At It And I Said, That's A Wonderful Calendar. And They Wanted Me To Turn It Over On The Other Side Because There Was A Watch. I Just Want You To Know That We Have A Program That We Meet Every Friday. And We Talk About Sustainability. There Are Too Many Things On Sustainability That Are Going In The Wrong Direction. The Government Has No Business Buying Property That Should Belong To The Citizens. Buying Property Is The Corner Stone Of Freedom. And If Government Starts Buying Property And, As You Already Have, We're Buying This Book That Says Agenda 21. And We're Passing It Out And We're Gonna Tell Everyone That We Can In Lee County What Sustainability Is About. And I Want You To Consider That Sustainability Is Not A Good Thing. I Think That What We Should Do Is To Read The Communist Manifesto And Find Out What Marx Wanted To Do To Control The People. And You Need To Find Out What That Book Says. The First Thing He Wanted His Mobs To Do Was To Have Democracy. The Next Thing He Did Was Have A 10 Point Program To Accomplish His Goals Of Controlling The People. And The Very First Thing On That Program Was Abolition Of Property. Get Property Out Of The Hands Of The People. And So I Just Want You To Consider When We Get These, We've Ordered Some Of These And We're Gonna Be Ordering A Whole Lot More. But We Can Only Afford To Get 250 Right Now. We're Gonna Get Them, We're Gonna Have Our Meetings, We're Gonna Teach People What It's Really About. And We're Gonna Change This. It Has To Be Changed. We Can't Keep Going In That Direction. And I Want You To Consider To Read The Communist Manifesto And See What It Says. And I Want You

To Consider Too To Read. Wrote At The Same Time That Marx Was Writing. And He Wrote A Book Called "The Law." And You Need To Read That Book. You Really Should Read It. He Wrote To Oppose Marx's Communism. And I Would Just Appreciate It If You Folks Would Read Our Program -- Not My Program, But Read The Communist Manifesto And Read The Book Called "The Law." Because Those Are Important Things. And We're Headed In Those Directions. So I Would Appreciate You Reading Those. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You, John. Any Other Comments From The Audience At This Time? Seeing None, The Meeting Is Adjourned. Thank You.