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There's Wonderful Things Around You What More Are You Looking For Under The Sea Under The Sea Down Where It's Wetter Take It From Me Up On The Shore They Work All Day Out On The Sun They Slave Away Under The Sea They're In For A Worse Fate When The Boss Gets Hungry Who Is Going To Be On The Plate Under The Sea Under The Sea Under The Sea We're Off The Hook Life Is A Bubble Under The Sea Under The Sea Under The Sea Under The Sea Under The Sea Under The Sea That's Why It's Hotter Under The Water Under The Sea

[Applause]

We Would Like To Get A Photo To Put On Our Website. They're Up There Taking A Photo. So If You Can All Come Up.

Comm. Hall: That Was Quite A Performance.

Comm. Mann: A Lot Of Words.

Comm. Hall: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman? I Want To Thank Our Parks And Recreations Staff. It Took Forever To Get Funded Again Because We Have So Many Park Impact Fee Distributions. That Particular Area Of Lee County Is Pretty Well Built Out. It's A Traditional Neighborhood And We Did Have To Move Dollars Around To Get Chandler Hall Up To Par. I Just Want To Thank Staff In Parks And Recreation For Being Creative To Continue To Work And Plug Away At Chandler Hall. It's Still Not Finished. That Particular Park, But It's One Of Our Inner City Parks And Do Appreciate The Work That Goes On There. Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: It's Something That We As A Community Share All The Programs That Go On There. We Have Youth Fitness, Boys And Girls Midterm Programs After School. Performance Art, And The List Goes On And On. This Park Is Being Used. And Also Dr. Suarez For Everything You Do For The Community, Thank You. Commissioner Kiker.

Comm. Kiker: We Can End The Meeting Right Now.

Chairman Pendergrass: Is That A Motion?

Comm. Kiker: I Spent A Little Bit Of Time With Some Of The Elementary Schools.

Comm. Mann: Turn On Your Mic, Commissioner, So We Can Hear You.

Comm. Kiker: Let Me Use John's. How Is That? Sorry About That. I've Had A Chance To Work With Some Of The Children And Some Of The Elementary Schools And To Hear This Lady Talk About The Reading Level Has Gone Up And How Exciting It Is For Every One Of Those Kids, The Challenge That They Give Themselves To Learn How To Read And To Learn How To Function Better, And That's Kind Of What This Is About. And, I Appreciate All The Work That Went Into What Happened Today, And I Would Like To Thank Them For That. And I Think We Just This Last Weekend, In The Newspaper They Just Did The Ratings For The Schools. And Some Of Them, Some Of The Schools Went From A C-Level To An A-Level, Actually. And What A Struggle These Schools Are Having To Try To Meet A System That Keeps Changing On Them. The Work That They Too Put Into These Kids And I Think We're Blessed. The Pool Of Our Community And I Think They Got It Right. Thank You.

Thank You.

Any Comments?

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Move On To The Recap. We Have A Few Items For Revisions. Item C 13-J.

Comm. Mann: I'll Make It.

Comm. Kiker: Second.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries. A Motion, Commissioner Hall Second. Any Discussion? No Discussion. Any Objection? Motion Carries. Next Item A-8.

Comm. Hall: Move To Change The Language.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Hall Makes A Motion. Commissioner Mann Second. Any Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries. Now We Move To Public Comment On A Consent Administrative Agenda.

I Have A Few Cards Here For Comment. When I Call Your Name You Have Of Three Minutes To Come To The Podium. When You Get To A Yellow Light You Have 30 Six. When The Red Light Comes On Your Time Is Up For Public Comment. And The First One I Have Here Is Joyce. Joyce? Subject Is?

Chairman Pendergrass: There's No Subject For This Public Hearing.

Comm. Hall: I Don't Think We Have Public Hearings.

Chairman Pendergrass: There's No Public Hearing. They've Checked The Box.

Comm. Mann: I'm Sure This Is Trim Related.

I Don't Mean To Come Here As A Wounded Warrior, But I Had A Little Problem With Your Steps. I'm Coming Here And I Realize You Have Some Tough Decisions To Make This Year. And We Understand That. I Just Want To State That I've Lived Here 31 Years, And If It Weren't For The Bus Service That I Did Get, I Could Not Have Med A Living. I've Been Working 31 Years In This County, And I've Depended On The Transportation To Get Me Back And Forth To Work And Three Different Places. So I Would Really Appreciate Your Consideration Because It Seems Like The Bus Service Is So Important To The Handicap, The Elderly We Need At Least To Maintain What We Have As Sometimes It Is Inadequate. But We Really Hope Your Consideration Because This Is A Very Important Service For The Whole Community. We're No Longer Just A Little Country Town In Central Fort Myers. We're All Over The County. And All Kinds Of People, Children, Handicapped People. Elderly, That Can Not Drive For One Reason Or The Other. So I Would Appreciate Your Consideration When You Make Your Budget. Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You For Coming Down.

Comm. Hall: We're Not Making Budget Cuts Today. We're Just Doing A Trim Notice Which Isn't Dealing With Any Of The Budget Aspects. So Are At A They Commenting That They Want Us To Raise The Millage. I'm Confused.

Chairman Pendergrass: We Have A Lot Of Cars. We're Not Cutting Budget Today. We're Not Discussing The Budget Today. So Comments Need To Be Directed To The Millage, I Guess. That's What's On The Agenda.

Chairman Pendergrass: Right. Next Speaker Is Tom Mueller And After That Brad Cornell. Tom Mueller?

Speaking On Item 8-A. You Will Have On Your Agenda This Morning, A-8. It's A Replacement Of The Metal System At Our Waste Energy Facility. Would Like To Do A Cooperative Effort With Lee County To Install A New And Larger Much More Powerful Magnet System, A Separator System That Should Result In Doubling The Amount Of Nonferrous Metals Being Removed. And About Six Percent More. Today We're Still Recovering Over 40 Tons Of Metals But We Think We Can Double The Amount Of Metals With A New System We're Talking About. I've Personally Run The Numbers On That, The Payback Is Approximately Two Years. We Think It Is Definitely An Improvement You Know In The Current System That's Between 15 And 20 Years Old. It Also Is Good For The Environment And The Fact That There Is Less Material Going To The Landfill. We Think This Is A Wonderful Addition To Our World Class Waste Energy System And Facility That We Have Here In Lee County. On A Note, We Would Like To Congratulate. You Folks Might Not Be Aware Of It A That Lindsey Samson, The Architect Of The System We Have Near Lee County Won The Professional Achievement Award Issued By The Solid Waste Association Of North American Was Recognized To That Yesterday. On Behalf, We Would Like To Recognize Him For That Honor. Thank You Very Much.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Next Speaker Is Brad Cornel.

Good Morning Mr. Chair And Commissioners. Thank You For The Opportunity To Address Today. I'm Brad Cornel And I'm Representing Audubon Florida Here In Lee County And In Collier County Tip I Want To Briefly Support The Proposed Millage As It Includes The Continuation Of The Full Half Mill Levy For The Successful Conservation 2020 Program For Preserving The Economic And Ecological Future Of Lee County. I And The Many Thousands Of Visitors To Corkscrew And 24,000 Acres Of Preserves Look Forward To The Details Budget Discussions That You Will Be Having September And I Thank You For The Support For That Programing. Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Next Speaker John Sibley. After John, Marissa.

Good Morning, Commissioners. For The Record My Name Is John Sibley. I Arrive In Support Of The Millage Rate Under Consideration. I've Had Communications With Dozens Of County's Staff Over The Years And Many Departments Including Human Services Community Development. D.O.T., Parks And Recreation And Others. We All Should Be Very Proud Of Their Terrific Service Each And Every One Of These People, And Staff Of These Departments Provide As It Is Unfailingly Professional And Friendly With Consumer Satisfaction, At The Highest Prior To. Sadly Morale Among Them As We've Suffered Through Salary Freezes, Layoffs And Moratoriums After The Past Five Years. Given The Improvement In The Economy And Lee County Increasing Property Value, It Seems To Me That The Time Has Come To Give Hem The Financial Incentive That They Deserve. Dedication And Hard Work Done Under Increasingly Stressful Circumstances. As President Of Lee County Overall Extension Advisory Board I'm Particularly Concerned About Be Budget Cuts, And Potential Cuts To Their Budget And Employees. I Love U.F.I. Because Of The Information That They've Provided Me Over The Last 34 Years, As I've Built This Service Into A Successful Garden Centre With 14 Employees. I Couldn't Have Done It Without Them. That Is Just The Horticulture Agency. Other Essential Services And Programs It Provides. A Healthy Environment To The Florida Neighbors Program, Constantly Striving For Them To Take Orders. And Others Who Enjoyed It Off Waters. Resources Helping Dozens Of Small Farmers. Request I Can To Provide Flesh Locally Grown Food. Family And Consumer Services Providing Education And A Myriad Of Areas From Money Management To Healthy Lifestyle, Especially For Those Among Us Who Are Poor And Unable To Obtain Information From Any Other Source. And Preparing Youth For Responsible Citizens And Effective Workforce. There's A High Prior To. I Think You Will Agree That Quinton Water Clean Drinking Water, Good Quality Food And A Healthy Environment And Citizenry Is Essential And I Know There Is No Other Agency That Can Provide Better Service For Those Things Than To Progress An Extension. Please Increase The Millage Rate To The Highest Under Consideration For Catastrophic Cuts For These Programs. May Not Be Necessary And To Afford All Departments The Means To Recuperate From The Impact They've Suffered Through The Great Depression. But As A Small Business I Know It's An Agonizing Process. Regardless, I Would Like You To Know That I'm Grateful For Your Service To This Community And Thank You

For Your Time And Attention. I Do Have Petitions That Have Compiled. I Wonder If This Would Be An Appropriate Time To Present Them.

Chairman Pendergrass: You Can Give Them To The Clerk Next Speaker, Marisa Brazzo.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Marisa Carozzo. We Appreciate The Opportunity To Speak On The Millage Trim Notice Resolution Before You Today. We Realize There Are Many Important Programs That The County Has Been Asked To Fund. And Many Difficult Decisions You Must Make In Order To Have A Balanced Budget. That Addresses The Most Critical Needs Of The County. Here Because One Of Those Programs Is Conservation 2020. We Support The Uninterrupted Continuation For The Conservation 2020 Program. The Benefits To The County Provided By Conservation Land Tourism Significance Of Protection, Water Quality Enhancement. There Are Many Future Decision And Management Opportunities To Realize We're The Ongoing Success Of This Program. We Support County Staff To Contain The Half Mill Allocation For Conservation 2020 As Outlined In The Millage Memo And Respect Fully Request That You Continue To Preserve The Entirety, Specifically For Conservation 2020 Throughout The Remain Mainlander Of The Budget Process. Thank You For Your Conversation.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Next Speaker Donna Crestman. After Donna Is Leah Lewis.

Hello, I'm Donna Crestman And I'm Here Supportingriverland Nursery. It's A Locally Owned Business Here In Lee County. We Do Support The Millage Rate Increase. We Hope That You Will Consider While You're Considering The Different Budgetary Concerns That You Have. That You Will Consider The Lee County Extension Office. Most Of Us Who Work At Riverland Office Were Trained. Invest Practices To Use. We Teach Our Customers One Of The Best Practices To Use To Keep Our Environment Safe, Friendly, Healthy Looking. And That's A Big Concern. In This Area People Move Here Because It's A Beautiful Place. And We Need To Continue To Teach People How To Keep It Beautiful. How To Keep The Waters Clean And How To Deal With The New Pests That Come All The Time. So We Really Think That The Education That We Get At The Lee County Office Is Essential To The Health Of Our County To The Beauty Of It, And To Everything That We Hold Dear

About Our Beautiful Environment And Land Here. So, Again, We Hope That You Will Continue To Consider Lee County Extension In Your Budget Consideration And To Increase The Millage To Take Care Of Those Concerns That We Have About The Environment. Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Next Speaker Leah Lewis, And After Leah, Mike Is Next.

Thank You For Allowing Me To Speak. My Name Is Leah Lewis And I Rise On Behalf Of Bus Services. Fort Meyers Could Use Abus Service As A Way To Attract Senior Citizens With Money To Our Town. People Want To Be Able To Be Independent And Meet Their Needs As They Grow Ole. They Fear Most Of All, Becoming Dependent On Others, And Living In A Senior Resort And Having Passport Bus Services, Has Made It Possible For Me To Remain Independent. I Am Now 74 Years Old, Legally Blind And Disabled. I Am A Retired R.N. From Cold, Smoggy, Humid And Hot Cincinnati, Ohio, And I Don't Want To Have To Go Back There. And My Independence Depends On Me Being A Able To Meet My Needs. Such As Going To Doctors Offices. And Shopping And The Shopping Centre. In My Opinion, The Passport Bus Services As They Are Presently Operated Is Unrealistic Considering Our Depressed Financial Economy It The. But Instead Of Reducing Their Services, I Think Changes Could Be Made That Would Cause The Passport Bus Services To The Seniors And The Disabled In This Area To Be Cost Effective. Changes Like Increasing The Usage Of Passport To All Seniors Over 60 Years Of Age, Regardless Of Their Financial Income And Payment Should Be Made According To Their Financial Income. And All Disabled People Under 60 Years Of Age. I Know When I Was In Cincinnati, If Fort Meyers Had It Advertised Such A Service For Seniors, As Passport, I Would Have Moved Here. And I Did Anyway.

Your Time Is Up. Thank You Though. Your Three Minutes Is Up.

Ok, Thank You Very Much. I Have A Lot More To Say Though.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Next Speaker Mike. To Your Left, Mike.

Comm. Hall: Back Up. Perfect.

Can You Hear Me Now? My Name Is Mike Ulrich, I've Lived In This County For More Than Half My Life. I'm Also The President Of Southwest Florida Council. Today Is A Very Important Day. Today You Will Set The Millage Rate To Go Out And Notices And This Way You Know How Much Money You Have To Work With For The Upcoming Budget And As You Can Figure Out, I'm Here To Tell You, Please Do Whatever It Takes, So You Can Keep The Services Provided By Lee Tran And Transport. This Affects Everybody, And It Affects Our Exponential. Passport Supposed To Top 105,000 Rides. These People Spend Money In This County. Even For Recreational Purposes. Speaks Of That, I Probably Spent Spend Thousands Of Dollars A Year Trying To Catch Fish Ned Of Just Going Up To Publix. It Does Help This Economy, All Right? People Talking Millage Rate Increase. Well, You Know What About Things Like A Penny A Gallon Fuel Tax? Maybe Raise The Sales Tax On Goods And Services. A Half A Percent Other Things. Raise The Fee For Passport. You Know, When You Ride Passport, It Lets You Ride Fixed Ride For Free. Why Not Charge Half A Fare. That Will Bring In Money. That's What We Need. And In Closing, I Really Appreciate Every Single One Of You That You Got To Get Up There And Keep This Beautiful County Going. Thank You Very Much.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Next Speaker Is Pat Rooney. And After Pat Will Be Don.

Mr. Chairman, And County Commissioners, Thanks For The Opportunity. My Name Is Pat Rooney. And, I'm In The Process Of Moving So I Can Say I'm From Pine Island And I'm Also From Fort Meyers. And, I'll Let You Know How It Citizens Up. I'm Here To Talk About The Millage Rate, But Three Minutes Is Going To Be Enough. I'm Hour To Is Up A Very Wounded Extension Office. They've Lost Many People, Have Gone Part-Time, But One Of The Things We Have To Make This County Give This County Is Services It Needs Is A Very Extensive Volunteer System. And I Would Like To Invite You Each And Every One Of You To Come Out Thursday, To The Farmers Market At Centennial Park, Under The Bridge And, We Can Have A Nice Chat Because Three Minutes Isn't Going To Be Enough To Tell You About All The Wonderful Things That Our Extension Office Does. So You're All Invited. Come See Me. I'll Be There. I Will Be Manning A Table As A Lee County Volunteer Helping People With Agricultural Landscape Problems, And Things Like That. You Can See Us In Action. Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You, Sir. Don Ward.

Ok. All Right. Good Morning, Commissioners. My Name Is Donald Worth. I've Been A Resident Of Lee County Going On 11 Years Now. I Moved Down Here. Because Of All That Florida Advertised And I'm Very Happy With It. I Wanted To Speak To You As This Morning Specifically On One Subject And That Is Fairness. Fairness I Believe Is Not Always The Top Priority Because I Know You Are Responsible For The Financial Well Being Of The Company. But It Seems That When Services Are Caught Specifically Bus Services, That The Burden Falls Mostly On The Low Income Folks Who Must Use The Public Bus Transportation, And So I Would Offer You Another Solution. I Think That It's Possible, Very Possible To Just Raise The Tax On Gasoline. By Let's Say For Example A Penny, A Gallon. And This Would Shift The Burden To Those Who Can More Easily Accept A Penny A Gallon Because The Fact That They Are Driving, They Are Driving Bigger And Faster Cars. And It's It Would Appear To Me, And Urge You To Consider A Penny A Gallon Gas Tax Such As The Burden Of Providing Transportation Doesn't Fall So Heavily On The Most Disadvantaged Or The People Who Use The Public Transportation. So, Again, A Penny A Gallon Evening Would Not Be Say 150 Cent Action Fill Up Is Not Going To Really Affect Those People Who Are Driving, And So That The Perhaps The Idea Of Cutting Some Of The Public Transportation Would Not Fall On The People Most Needed Who Need The Transportation, But Be Justly And Fairly Divided Over The Entire Lee County Community By The Penny A Gallon Gas Increase. I Thank You Very Much For Your Consideration.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Next Speaker Is Doreen King. Is Doreen Here?

Comm. Hall: That's Her Right There.

Chairman Pendergrass: Ok.

Good Morning, I Am Doreen King And I Am Legally Blind Like The Others, And I'm Here To Speak For Some Of The People Who Could Not Come Here This Morning Who Are Legally Blind, And Who Depend On Passport Every Day To Either Go For Doctor Appointments Shopping Or Any Of Those Things. And My Request, You've Heard Everyone Else Say What Is Needed For The Transit To Stay As It Is So My

Request Is Hopefully We Can All Be Much Happier And We Can Still Go Shopping And Do The Things We Would Like To Do. And Thank You For Your Time.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Next Speaker Ann Lieberman. After Ann Will Be Marlene.

Thank You For Giving Me The Opportunity To Talk. I Am For The Maximum Increase In The Millage Rate. I'm A Home Owner Here And Have Been For The Past 10 Years. I Moved Down From Well Originally From Nevada. I Have Been A Gardener In Canada And The United States And China. And, If It Was Not To Be Extension Service, I Would Not Be A Gardener Here. Because Everything I Learned Up North You Cannot Count On. As An Avid Gardener, The Extension Service Is Absolutely Necessary So I Want You To Do Whatever You Need To Increase The Taxes So That Their Funding Is Maintained. Not Only Do They Create An Incredible Number Of Volunteers That Keep This County Looking Beautiful, They Also Provide An Unlimited Number Of New Jobs. Through Their Fertilizer, Training For Industries, To The Small Farmers, I Am A New Small Farmer, If I Graduated Last Summer From Their Master Gardener's Program, And Because Of That, Are Now An Independent Earth Faller And I Also Am At The Farmers Market, Thursday Mornings Downtown Selling My Herbs. So Not Only Are They Provides Services, But They're Creating Needed Jobs To Keep The People Here That Are The Back Bone Of Society. Thank You Very Much. And Do Whatever You Need To. I Appreciate The Time.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Marlene? Thank You.

Thank You For Letting Me Speak Today. I'm Here To Support The Increase Millage Rate To The Maximum Under Consideration Today. My Name Is Marlene Rodack And I'm Supporting The Extension Services. Earlier We Heard From The Chandler Park People. And Some Of This Creative Funding Is Training All Of These Volunteers In These Orange T-Shirts Here. In As Ann Explained We Do A Lot Of Important Things For The County. Some Of Those Things Are Maintaining Compliance With The Estuary, And The Evergladeswest Coast Management Actionplans.This Plan In Those Plans, Lee County And Bonita Springs And City Of Fort Meyers Are All Stake Holders In Reducing The Total Nitrogen Levels In Our Waterways. That's Very Important And It's Also Very Valuable To The County. Extension Services Also Provides Compliance And Training For The Lee County

Fertilizer Ordinance That You've Passed And We're All Ultimately Responsible For To Keep Our Waterways Clean. And, Finally Lee County 2012 Cycle Three Standard Operating Procedures, Specifies That We Need To Provide The Outreach To The County. Again, To Keep Our Waterways Clean. Our Waterways As You Know Are Credit Cal To The Health Of Our Cites And Counties All Of Our Municipalities That Fall Within Lee County. Parks And Recreation Is Creativewith Their Funding. And, I Don't Think That This Money Is Misspent In Any Way Shape Or Form By Providing Them The Funds To Continue To Do What They Do. What Is Very Important To See Are All Of These People That Love Each Other And That Are Friends, And That Support The Good Works Of Your ordinance, So, I Just Asked You to Continue That Good Work. And To Thank You For What You've Done Today.

Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Next Speaker Is Fran Seen Schwartz.

Good Morning, I'm Speaking To The Increasing Millage To The Highest Points Possible With We Heard From All The People In Orange T-Shirts I Happened To Be One Of That Group But I Chose To Wore Purple Today. The Reason Why I'm Speaking Is, People Moving Down From This Place To That Place. I Am A Native Floridian. Yes, At Age 60, Whatever. I've Been Here All My Life In Florida. You Have Heard A Lot Of People Speak About Agricultural Value, That Extension Service Brings To This County. There's Another Half Of The Picture Which You're Not Speaking To And That's The Section That Handles Family Consumer Services, And What This Means Is In A Nutshell If You Need Anything That Has To Do With Mill Due, Possibly How To Pack Up And Leaf To Go Up North For The Summer. These Are A Few Of The Things That Are Neat For The Consumers To Have. But, What's More Important Is What The Family Consumer Service Area Of The Extension Service Does For This County. You As A County Commissioner Will Be Having To Budget For Many Services, Extension Service Provide. Number One, You Have The County Who Need Financial Assistance. They Might Be Having Real Family Problems, To Put Them In A Position Where They Cannot Function At Work. The Family Consumer Services Area Of Extension Service Provides, Management Of Money, And We're Talking About Big-Time Management Of Money. Like Overbilling Your Building Up Of Credit Card Debt That Is Unis Your Mountable Where You Can't Function At Work. Possibly Going Through A Divorce And All Of A Is Sudden You're

Stressed Out And Don't Know Where To Go. There's A Lady That Works For The Extension Service. She Is A Home Economist. She Is Very Valued When She Comes To Bringing Information To Consumers. Not Only Does She Do A Budgeting Of Money For County Employees, She Helps County Services Where There Would Never Be The Ability To Pay For These Services. For Example Helping The Senior Citizens Receive More Nutritious Foods. How To Use The Foods That Get The Food Bank So They Can Be Serving Their Family As Well.

And Ask A Few Questions. See What Information You Can Gather. Whether It Be Just For A Mission. But Understand That If You Wrote Not The Highest Amount Of Millage Rates, There Will Be A Lot Of People Suffering That Aren't Growing Plant Materials That Are Trying To Succeed In Every Day Living. Thank You For Your Time.

Thank You. Next Speaker Is Vanessa.

Thank You So Much For Letting Me Giving Me The Ability To Express My Opinion Here Today. I Have To Say I'm Very Nervous. My Fear Of That Is Fully Expressed By Fear Of Public Speaking. So, I'm Here Today To State For Myself And At Least 1,068 People That Signed This Petition That And Then There's Another Petition That Was Passed Around By Another Master Gardener Over 130 Signatures. Really Value The Services Of The Lee County Extension And We're A Part Of That. We're All Volunteers. We Don't Get Paid For What We Do. And We Think What We Do Is Very Important To Some. We Inform The Public About Water Quality Issues. Ai Just Read An Article That Item Going To Cost \$130 Million Dollars To Clean Up The Nitrogen Power Play I'm Assuming This Is Money That Will Have To Be Found Somewhere. I Would Also Like To Say That A Lot Of The Signatures On This Petition Also Supported Raising The Millage Rate To Help Support All These Not Just Extension But Every Other Program That May Be On The Chopping Block Tip. And I Will Just Like To Read A Couple Of The Comments That Some People Wrote. One Of Them Is, This Important Agency Is Worth Every Dollar Spent On It. Our Community Again On This Resource To Protect Our Environment. It Is Efficient And Uses More Volunteer Labor Than Any Other Agency In The County. Please Support The Lee County Extension. And One More Comment Was I Worked With Youth In The Community And We Had Extension Services Staff Talk With Them On Several Instances About Healthy Eating. They Gave Informationpresentations That

Changed The Eating Habits Of Over 100 Plus Youth. In Addition Through Their Presentations, I Have Even Modified My Own Family's Diet To Be More Healthy. Last, The Programs Help Citizens Reduce Fertilizer Runoff Without The Program, We'll Have More Runoff And Our Beaches Will Suffer. Our Tourists Will Be Turned Off By The Brown Waters To Come. And Our Economy Will Go County As Tourists Go Elsewhere. This Program Does Far More Than Anyone Realizes. Please Take Our Comments Into Consideration And Continue To Maintain This Important Program. Thank You. I Appreciate What You All Are Doing. I Know Allocating Funding Is Not An Easy Job. And, I Just Hope You Will Do The Right Thing And Whatever It Takes. Thank You Very Much.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You.

I Can't Make The Next Card Out. Gilbray?

Comm. Mann: Or Gilboni? 953 Stonebine Lane? Ok. Next Speaker Stefanie Keys. Commissioner Hall, See If You Recognize The Name.

Comm. Mann: I Think The Spouse Spoke Earlier.

Good Morning, Stefanie Keys. Approximately 4,500 Reals Or The. I Will Have Worn My Gator Shirt If I Had Known Today Was Guy Or The Day. Anyway, I Feel That We Are Just Now In The Beginning Of The Process To Talk About The Budget. Talk About Duplication Of Services. Talk About Down Sizing The County Government. I Know You All Have Been Talking About That For A Long Time. I Think This Is When The Rubber Meets The Road Over The Next Month Or Two. The Realtors Are Not In Favor Of Raising The Millage Rate. I Believe That As You Have Seen The Recovery Is Now Under Way. We Now Making Tremendous Strides In Getting New Businesses Here. Your Effort Has Been Spectacular In That. You've Seen That Home Sales Are Up. Sales Prices Are Up. Home Builders Are Looking For Vacant Land. Probably Will Soon See Actually Rezoning For A New Entitlements. We Haven't Seen That In A Long Time. And, Of Course We Support The Efforts Of Lee Tran In Getting More Ridership. What Is It Doing, Those Are Vital Programs. Libraries, Expansion Of Human Services, All Of Those Things Are Important. Our Association Does Free Home Buyer Classes. We Work In Conjunction With Lee County On That. But However, We Feel Strongly That To Raise The Millage Sends The Wrong Signal. Let's Work Within What We Have, You've Just Hired A New

County Manager. I've known him for a very long time and I have a lot of confidence in him. He is just starting this process. I feel that right now a lot of volunteers have worked to streamline, permitting, streamlining other aspects of county government. I think at once duplication of services and potential outsources are addressed and identified. There would be no need to increase the millage, and I feel that again, on behalf of the Realtors and also probably speaking from many other homeowners throughout Lee County that let the economy recover before we start raising the millage rate, and again all on the backs of the home owners who are the ones you know supporting the county. I mean you're just going to be in a vicious catch-22 cycle. Let's take this opportunity to really do it right. Down size, streamline and then go from there. Thank you very much.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any other speakers at this time for public comment? Seeing none, we'll close public comment.

Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, we're asking for your consideration to move up 14-A of the administrative agenda regarding the bond to be heard right before the consent agenda which is right now. Mr. Humphrey is here for that and he would like to be able to leave to go see the preparation of his mother. We're asking for your consideration.

Comm. Mann: I would so move that change.

Comm. Hall: Second.

Chairman Pendergrass: Bring it forward, please.

O At this time if the board since the board has moved it up can we approve it or was that a motion to approve the item?

Comm. Hall: I'll make a motion that we approve the I.D.A.'s bond in the amount not to exceed 7.4 million dollars to benefit Bonita Springs Utility.

Comm. Mann: I'll second.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any other discussion? Any objection? No objection, motion carries.

Thank You, Commissioners.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. We Move On To Consent Agenda. Discuss By The Board. Commissioner Kiker, Do You Have Any Ideas?

Comm. Kiker: Yes, Sir, I Have Three Items. Two 2-A. 7-A And 16-F.

Comm. Mann: None.

Comm. Hall: None Approximately I'll Move The Balance.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion On The Ballots? No Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries For The Balance. Commissioner Kiker. You Have The Floor.

Comm. Kiker: Address Our Manager, Please. Briefly Could You Give Us A Rundown On What That Item Entails And, Secondly, Are There Any Additional Charges There That We Need To Be Aware Of?

I Thank You, Commissioner. The This Is Part Of The Developing Where The Process Starts With The State Of Florida. Fueled By Its Comments And Ultimately The Final Approve Rests With The Board Of County Commissioners And This Piece Of It Is Quality Of Life As Well As Infrastructure Issues Required By Part Of This Development Project. We're The Developer In This Case. The Additional Costs Associated With This -- Please.

The Budget You're Referring To Is The Construction Budget For The Improvement So That's Why It's Referred To In The Capital Improvement Program.

Comm. Kiker: Thank You. I Have No Further Questions. Move To Approve.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Mann Second. Any Discussion? No Discussion. Motion Carries. 7-A.

Comm. Kiker: Thank You. Again On 17-A, If You Could Give Us A Brief Explanation On That. And I Think I'm Probably More Interested On This One In Terms Of Is Cost Whether This Is A Replacement Or Additional Equipment. We Would Need More People To Make This Happen.

Commissioner, Need These Are Replacement Vehicles For Vehicles That Have An Average Mileage Of 200,000 Miles Or So. They're Pretty Beat Up And Their Replacement Items. And There's No Personal Personnel Associated With This.

Commissioner Manning.

Second. These Are Totally Funded With Federal Grant?

Thank You, I Got It. Any Other Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries. 16-F.

Thank You, Commissioner, And In The Last One, 16-F Is For Reporting On Financial Activities And The Reason I'm Just Bringing This Up Is That I Would Like Can And I Don't Know If This Is Proper, In The Process, So For Give Me If It's Not, By In Our Budget Process, Coming Forward, Can We Take This Item, This Report And Have An Explanation And Discussion On What's In Here In Terms Of Working With The Budget? And Again, This May Not Be The Right Format, But That's Ok.

Yes, Commissioner, This Is I Believe This Is A Report Of Cash Flow. Is That Right?

It's A Report And It's Primarily A Cash Flow And Fund Balance Report And Payroll On A Monthly Basis.

Yes, It's Perfectly Appropriate To Have That Conversation During Budget Deliberations.

Thank You, And I Move To Approve.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Questions? Commissioner Mann Second. Any Other Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries. Move On To The Administrativeagenda.

Comm. Hall: I'll Make A Motion To Approve The Agreement Of General Liability In The Grimsby Land In Lee County.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Motion Carries. Any Objection? Motion Carries.

Comm. Hall: I'll Make A Motion To Approve The Mediated Settlement And Workers Comments Versus Lee County.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Mann With A Motion. Commissioner Mann Second. Any Objection?

Comm. Kiker: If I May Call On Our Attorney To Perhaps Explain The No Fault In Terms Of The Injuries With The Settlement On This.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Workers Compensation Is A No Fault Situation Which Means As An Employee Is Injured On The Job In The Course Of Their Employment, Their Injuries, Their Benefits, Their Medical Treatment Is Covered Under The Workman's Compensation. It's A State Statute. There's Some Exceptions To That Which Were Not Present Here. The Easiest Way To Explain Is That It Is Similar To A No-Fault System We Have With Automobiles. Someone Is Injured Even If There Is Somebody Who Is Negligent In The Accident, They Are Still Covered. Unless They're On Drugs Or Alcohol. Even If Their Not Wearing Safety Equipment, It Can Still Recover.

Comm. Kiker: I Have No Further Questions.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Objection? No Objection. Motion Carries.

Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: 1-C.

Comm. Hall: I'll Make A Motion To Approve The Budget Amendment For Receipt Of \$103 Million But Bond Proceeds From Water And Sewer Revenue Bond Series.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion.

Comm. Mann: I'll Request It. Put Something On The Record About What Are The Total Savings On This? A Little Bit About The Refinancing.

This Bond Issue Or Water And Sewer Bonds, One Is Refinancing Of A Bond Issued In The Early 2000s And There Was A New Bond For The Expansion Of Green Meadow Treatment Plant. The New Bond Was Issued, It's A \$53.8 Million Issued At An Interest Cost Of 4.5% In The Refunding Was 39.4 Million. Was Issued At 3.3% Interest Rate And That Was A Savings To The Term Of The Bond Of \$4.66 Million Or

10.23%. That Equates To About A Savings Of \$370,000 A Year. To 2027 I Believe In Debt Service.

I Don't Want To Learn Too Much About This, But This Is -- We've Previously Taken Action To Go This Direction On These Issues, But This We Still Have To Take One Last Action To Receive.

Yeah, You Gave Us Approval In Late June. And This Is Receiving The Proceeds.

Comm. Mann: Thank You. I'm Ok.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries. Next Item.

Comm. Hall: I'll Make A Motion To Approve The Adopted Proposed Maximum Millage And Rollback Rates And Truth For Millage And Hearings For September 4th, And September 18th, 2013 At 5:05 Per The County Managers Recommendation.

Chairman Pendergrass: I'll Second For Discussion.

Comm. Hall: I Just Want To Make A Comment If I Could.

Chairman Pendergrass: Go Ahead.

Comm. Hall: I Wanted To Thank The Staff And The County Manager. I Think Going This Route To Get Us To Public Hearing Gives Us Flexibility To Talk About Trying To Get To A Balanced Budget. Doesn't Mean We're Going To Hold That Millage, But I Appreciate Him And His Team's Hard Work And Doug And His Team's Prior To That, In Recognizing We've Got To Have Everything On The Table. And We Need To Have As Much Opportunity To Look At Getting To A Balanced Budget This Year. So, My Support Is To Allow That Time To Occur, And Isn't An Occasion Of Where My Final Voter Support Will Be. Thank You.

Commissioners, This Is In Fact My Mention To You As County Manager. And I Would Like To Spend Just A Moment To Tell You How We Arrived At The Proposed Millage Rates And Some Of The Spending Reductions That We're Now Discussing, Which Are Not Finalized. The First Week That I Was Here, We Asked All The Departments To Prepare For Us And New Budget Reduction Models And Asked Them To Do That At 5, 10 And 15%. Part Of The Instructions Were They Couldn't

Be Advocates for Their Own Program But Had Been An Advocate For The Dole System And Was A We're All In This Together, And In Declining Reserves. So At Some Point We Have To Move Away From Tapping Those Reserves And Being Able To Rely On The Number Of Tax Dollars We Received Each Year In Order To Operate. Also Was That As They Made Those Recommendations, We Needed To Talk About You Do The Greatest Good For The Greatest Number Of People And Having The Least Amount Of Impact On The Approach To These Recommendations. But I Also Need To Say We Don't Take Lightly The Impacts To People. In This Case, Some Of These Recommendations We'll See That We Will Have Actually Positions In County Government That We Will Defund. It's Possible That There Are Some Employees Who Will Be In Those Positions, And We Will Make Every Effort Possible To Help Those Employees Be Employed In Another Position Here Or Somewhere Else With Out Placement Assistance. And We Also Don't Take Lightly The Impacts That We Have On The Residents Of Lee County In The Case Of Some Of The Folks Who Have Spoken This Morning About Extension Services And The Transit System We, We're Very Aware Of How It Impacts People And So We Ask For Creative Solutions, Different Than We've Talked About In The Past. Where We Spread The Reduction Of Service. And More Important Throughout The Organization To The Fullest Extent That We Can And I Think We're Well On Our Way To That Conversation About Doing That. I Think We Need To Recognize As Commissioner Hall Did, A That There's Been An Awful Lot Of Work Done Prior To My Arrival And You Know Some Of The Choices That You Had Before You Before, From The Same Areas A That You See Today The General Fund We Spend With The Vast Majority Of The Federal, The Vast Majority Of The General Fund Dollars And Just About Four Or So Of The Departments. And So, Obviously Those Will Be The Ones Who Have The Greatest Reduction In Dollars. Maybe Not Percentage But Certainly In Dollars. So, The Rates You Have In Front Of You Today Are Based On That Philosophy. If We Know That Increase In The General Fund Gets Us Another \$17 Million Dollars And We Have Better Than Expected Property Values This Year. And So There's Increased Dollars There. And We Have The General Fund Reductions That We're Working With Right Thousand. We're Just Below \$7 Million And All Of The Other Funds Are Included With As Well. Like The Enterprise Funds For Example. Traditionally We Don't Have Them, But Felt As Though It Was Particularly Important This Year. Everybody Knows That The Same Taxpayers Who Are Paying Their Utility Bills And Solid Waste Bills And Others So It's, They're Fees That Go To

Everyone, And Require The Same Sort Of Analysis As We've Started Here. Where Things Also Helped Us Is That The Dollar That We Required To Spend With The State Of Florida, For Example The Criminal Justice, The Bill That Will Receive From Florida Has Been Reduced This Year. We Think That One Is \$4 Million Not Yet Cut In Stone But We'll Know Before Too Much Long Person At This Rate, You Can Take Advantage Of The Immediate Opportunities To Work Towards A Balanced Budget About Touching Reserves. At This Rate, We With The Increased Revenues And The Millage Increase We Eliminate The Deficit And Next Year We Will Start The Process And Sort Of Brand New. And, That's Really What We're Looking Forward To. Is As You Think About This Today. Here Are The Sort Of The Some Of The Outcomes Depending On Your Decisions. First Thing To Know, Is That With Four Of You Here. If You Have A Tie Vote We Go To Rollback. The Rollback Rate. So You Can Approve As I Have Recommended. We Can Use Some Number Of Reserve Dollars In Combination With The General Fund Improvements That Have Hatched Naturally. We Can Cut Additional General Fund Dollars Although Today I Recommend Not Taking A Stab At That Number I Think Without Additional Policy Direction That Comes From Strategic Planning With You That We're Scheduling Now. That At Least For My Part Becomes Irresponsible To Recommend Additional Cuts Because Now We Are Into Significant Service Reductions Without Policy Direction. You Can Work With 20 Dollars. You Have A Half Mill There, That's Not A Conversation For Today But Just Know That, That's Just Part Of The Equation, If You So Choose. Lastly I Just Wanted To Give You A Quick. We Had Outstanding Budget Issues That We're Going To Have To Deal With Over This Coming Year. And Some Of Them Sooner Rather Than Later. For Example, We Have Some Unfunded Litigation Liabilities That You're All Aware Of, But We've Not Yet Nailed Down What We Believe To Be The True Liability. My Office Is Working With The County Attorney's Office To Do Some Analysis So We Can Devise A Strategy For Funding Those Liabilities As We Go Forward. A Second Thing Is I Would Like To Bring Back To You In Two Weeks A 2020 Policy Recommendation. I Know It's Been A Long Time Conversation For All Of You, And It's Given The Dollars That Have Been Spent Over The Last Few Years With The Program Given The Opportunity For Purchasing Properties. Had Large Dollar Amounts Attached To Them, But In Any Case, We've Got A Significant Reserve For Decision In That Account. And We Also Have Significant Dollars In The Maintenance Account. So At Some Point, That Needs To Be A Policy Decision That Talks About What Happens To That Half Mill Going

Forward. And So, I Think The Conversation And The Recommendation That I Bring To You. For Me It's A Fairly Easy Recommendation To Make. For You A Policy Decision I Think Given The Importance Of The Program And I Don't Think Anyone Would Try To Debate Otherwise. Because It Is A Truly Important Program. I Have Experience With That In Another County. And You've Only Got A Few Percent Left Of The Open Space. It Becomes Really Important, And We Need To Have A Resource Policy For General Fund For The Area Fund And I Would Like To Bring That Recommendation Back To You In A Couple Weeks As Well. Where Right Now At The End Of The Year. Down About \$82 Million Without Policy Decisions On Some Of The Others Issues Here That I've Mentioned To You. Where We've Got The Hurricane Season We're Facing. We've Got Unfunded Limits And So It's Really Important We Set A Policy For The Immediate Future And Then Another Piece Of It Going Forward. And, But We Have Thoughts About That. And We'll Share That With You In A Couple Of Weeks. One Issue That We've Yet To Discussion And I Want To Mention Today. But I'm Going To Mention It In The Context That We Will Be Working On A Much Broader Fiscal And Financial Policy For The Organization In The Coming Months. Right Now Without Having The Conversation About The Broader Issues, It's Difficult To Manage Some Of These Funds With Dollars At Our Discrete Dollars That We Can Only Spend In One Area Versus General Fund Dollars And Fees, And We Have Enterprise Funds And The List Goes On And On, I Know You Realize There Are So Many Of Them. If We Don't Develop A Policy About That You Fine Acceptable, Then As The Administrative Staff, We're You Know, We're Creating That Policy And I'm Not So Sure It's The Right Way To Be Doing It. We Would Like To Bring Back A Conversation And It's Going To Take A Little While To Develop That The Overall Policy, So There's Lots Of Work To Be Done. But I Will Like To Be Able To Do That As Well. The Issue With All Of That Is In The Mstu Fund. We Have A Deficit \$13.5 Million. In Years Past We've Had Very Large Reserves And For Give Me, I Don't Recall The Exact Number But It's Big Numbers. So It's Been A Reasonable Spend Down. Over Time It Will Weget To Whatever Is Going To Be The Reserve That's Driven By Policy. Today, The Reserves In That Account At About 50% And That's You Know For Any Fund, 50% Is Likely Too Much. But, We Have Time To Work With It. It's Not An Issue. The Millage Rate We're Representing To You For The Trim Notice Is The Same As The Millage Rate Today. So We Have, A Year To Work On It. We Will Resolve That Issue, I Will Commit To You. Next For Us Is The Policy Setting Strategic Planning For All Of Us.

I've Engaged Mesh Marleau And Will Be Sending The Information About Mesh. He's A Ph.D. Who Has Developed A Practice In Process Consultation And Facilitation. So With His Help, We'll Get To Understand By Consensus What Your Most Important Policy Goals Are For Lee County And From That We'll Come Back With A Business Plan That Has Cost To Look At And Approve. At This Millage Rate, If You Owned \$140,000 Home, I Think The Tax Bill Was Something On The Order Of \$498 In County Taxes. With This Millage Rate With All That's Happened To Be \$359. So It's \$130 Less Than County Tacks With This Millage Rate If We Were To Apply The Entire Amount Versus The 2003 Tack Bill For People Who Are Similarly Situated. Please Recognize That The Millage Rate We're Recommending Is The Highest Rate That You Could Adapt When We Get To The Final Public Hearing. But, That We Would Fully Intend For That Number To Go Down Somewhat Between Now And Then.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You.

And Unless You Have Finished, I'm Finished.

Comm. Mann: Question. Thank You. You've Been Put In A Very Awkward Position Where You Truly Had To Hit The Ground Running. That We're In A Budget Process, That The Trim Notice Is Not The Budget But Directly Related In Every Way. That's Why We're Here And You Had To Change The Tires On This Car While It Was Moving. And I Think You've Done A Superb Job In The Brief Moments That You've Had To Work On This. And I Thank You For That I Want To Clarify A Couple Things. Would Allow Us To Adopt A Budget That I Believe For The First Time In How Many Years Would Be Not Relying On General Fund Reserves? How Many Years Ago Was The Last Time That We Had?

I Believe Four Years Ago.

Comm. Mann: I Was Thinking Six. We've Only Been Relying On General Fund Reserves The Last Four Years. This Would Have Been The Fifth.

Part Of The Rucks Was Electricity.

Comm. Mann: Well At Least Four Years Back We Would Have Been Relying On General Are You Reserves In Order To Balance A Budget And This Trim Notice Would Give Us The Flexibility To Not Have To Do That.

That's Correct.

That Is Noteworthy And Very Significant As We Have Worked Down Our Reserves, We're Close To A Point Where We Don't Want To Go Beyond, And Couldn't Go Beyond. I Think It's Also Very Good For You To Point Out That Taxes We Would Be Paying After This Small Increase For The Typical Home Owner In Lee County Is Still Less Than In 2003.

2003.

Comm. Mann: That's Because We've Had A 50% Reduction In All, And If You're A Typical House We've Maintained Not The Assessment, But Millagerate At 4.15. So If The Value Of Your House Came Down 350% Your Taxes Came Down 50%. So Even With This A Little Bit Of An Increase, Most Folks Are Still Going To Be Paying Substantially Less Than They Used To Five Plus Years Back.

That's The Very Simple Explanation.

Comm. Mann: I Know It's Far More Complex Than That.

But In The End, You're Correct.

Comm. Mann: Once Again, I Don't Think This Can Be Stated Too Often. We Have For The First Time In A Number Of Years, A Balanced Budget That Does Not Rely On Reserves. And I Have Been Struggling To Get Here. And I Made An Offer I Think I've Said This Publically To Our County Manager, If You Guys Can Take That Anticipated Deficit We've Been Looking At It This Year And Whittle It Down At Least Halfway, And What You All Began To Do And You All Have Effectively Done That. And I Feel Like You Kept Your Word, And Commitment, And That I Made Now, It's Up To Me To Keep My War On That. You've Done Your Job, And One Last Point For Public Consumption Here, The Budget And I Confirmed This Morning, The Budget That We're Looking At To Adopt Through This Millage Process Has Been Cut 97 Million Dollars Operationally From What It Was Five Years Back. The Cost To Run The Government Is Today \$97 Million Annually Less Than It Was Previously. That

Is Full. And For Our Previous Management, A Lot Of People Have Done A Lot Of Work To That. Didn't Go As Fast As I Wanted It To, But In Summary And In The Spirit Of Democratic Compromise I Think You All Have Done Yeoman's Work. And I'm Comfortable Supporting This Millage Structure. Under Which We'll Continue The Budget Process. Thank You.

Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: I Have A Question. You Said Two Out Of Three Of Typical Home Taxes Was 498 Correct? And Under This Millage Rate Would Have Been 359?

That's Correct.

Chairman Pendergrass: The Value Of The House Is The Same As In 2003. Was The Millage Rate Higher In 2003.

Yes, The It Was 4.3277.

Chairman Pendergrass: The House Is Still The Same So, See Where The Comparisons Came Up To.

4.3277. And With This Recommendation Your General Fund Operating Would Be 3.9897.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Other Questions?

Comm. Kiker: Yes. Thank You For What You Just Presented To Us, And I Appreciate You Hit The Ground Running. I've Got. I Worry About Where We're Headed With This, And What Where We're Coming Out To Start, If You Will. And, Although I Do Understand The Process, That You Set The Mill Rate As High As You Can, Because You Can Reduce It, But You Can Never Take It Up, I Got It. And If That's What We're Doing Is Approving That Process, Then That's One Thing. But The Other Subject Here Is Are We Approving A Tax Increase? Which I'm Not. Wanting To Do. And I'm Going To Try To Stay Away From Ins Because You Asked Us To, And I Get That Because We Have Discussions Coming. And Introduce Subjects To Us Where We Need To Decide And Agree Upon Policy, Which We Get Priorities And Then We Direct Staff. And I Think That's Where You're Going With This. I Do Appreciate That. I Have Concerns And I Look Over Your Should Err At

These Folks. There Seems To Be Some Interpretation If You're Going To Cut Taxes, You Have To Cut Services And In My Opinion That's Not True. You Don't Have To Cut Services. What You Do Have To Do, As You Do That, You Start Realizing Or I Have That There's Plenty Of Money Here. It's Just A Matter Of Reallocating That Money In Order To Meet The Needs Talking About Cutting Services, Is Exhausting. It's Redundant. It's Nonproductive. It Brings This Kind Of Conversation Over And Over Again. I Don't Think We're Getting Anywhere. A Couple Of Questions. In Your Scenario, Going About Raising Rust. Evening I Did Read And Did See Or Anticipate, We Talk About Franchise Fee.

Yes, Sir.

Comm. Kiker: Which Would Be An Additional \$7 Million Possibly And Again There's Money Out There. So Why Are We Rushing To Cut, Rushing To Raise, At As When There Could Be Other Ways Of Raising Revenue As You Heard Someone Talk About Paying Taxes? I Worry About That. Does Your Scenariodid It Anticipate Who Asked For An Additional \$8 Million. Does That Include That?

Yes, The Answer Is Yes, Sir. It Does Not Include The Additional School Resource Officers.

What About Illegal Expenses. Did It Include That?

No.

If I Understand This And We Had A Memo Date In The May, I Think And Thank You For That. Was That There Was Exposure In The Next Year And A Half, And I Think I Read In The Paper Up To \$130 Million, With Couldn't Be Any Worse Scenario, But The Doesn't Include All Of That, Then You Know, What's Our Expectation Of Truly Balancing The Budget If We're Not Including That Large Amount Of Money? That Has Never Been On The Radar Before By The Way, Thank You.

There's A Couple Questions In All Of This. The First One Is With Regard To Additional Revenues. We're Talking About The Franchise Fee Agreement That It Will Be On The Agenda, 13th Of Next Month, So There Are Additional Revenues Write Accounted For In This Analysis, We've Done That Ends With The Millage Creases Number One And We Have Med Year, The Lcec Agreement That's Currently

Being Negotiated And We'll See About Six Months Of Fees From That Revenue Source As Well Which Are Accounted For In This Scenario. Like The Outstanding Litigation In All Of That, Are Problems We Don't Know What The Real Liability Is Just Yes. I'm Not Sure How To Budget For That. However, If At The End Of This Year, General Fun Reserves Are At \$82 Million, As Long As We Don't Have To Touch These Revenues, We Can Go There If We Need To. But To Budget For Those Otherwise, I Don't Know How To Do It, Commissioner.

Comm. Kiker: Have We Gone Back And Looked At The Last Few Years And Gotten An Average Of What It's Cost Us?

I Have Not Yet, No.

I Don't Know Yet. We're Talking To The County Attorney, And We'll Understand All Of That Pretty Soon, But I Don't Have A Grasp On It Yet.

Comm. Kiker: Ok, Well --

But I Understand Your Concern. It's Not Falling On Deaf Ears. We Have The Same Concerns.

Comm. Kiker: I Appreciate That. I Just In The Back Of My Mind With A Limited Amount Of Research That I've Been Able To Do, But I Think Is Somewhat Extensive In Terms Of How Much Revenue There Is Available Versus Expense. The Way Home Is Being Allocated. The Fact That You Know This Year, Which I Think Should Dare Mention It, Is That The 2020 Half A Cent Is Going To Be Incorporated Into The Mill Rate. You Will See It There. So That's Not A Tax Increase. That's They're Being Combined Because It's Been Treated That Way. And, Probably So Having Said That, It Was My Intention When We Got Here Is To Not Increase Taxes. I Was More Leaning Towards Keeping The Mill Rate, The Number The Same. Which In Itself Includes A 2.5% Increase Because Of The Property Tax, The Property Values Going Up. And I Think That Would Accommodate Our Situation, Our Problem. It Would Balance The Budget. It Will Not Increase The Taxes And I Think That's A Place Where We Need To Go. I'm All For Balance And The Budget But Not At The Sake Of Raising Taxes When I Don't Think We Need To. I Don't Think We Have To Cut Services Off. I'm Not The There With You. And So That's My Input. Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: All Right, A Couple Comments. I Agree With You On Some Of The Points You Made. After The Budget Hearing, We Actually Have Customers They Would Like To See An Increase. I Think The Item Today Is More A Process So We Can Have The Discussion. So, I Understand That. I Get It. We Get The There Without Making An Increase With Taxes, Without Services. My Perspective Is There Will Be Co Loss Sal Services. Something Will Be Adjusted. And There's No Way To Get Away From That.

Any Discussion? Do You Have Any Other Comments About Anything?

We Take All Your Comments To Heart And We Struggle With Some Of The Same Conversations When We Debate Some Of These Issues In Our Office. With The Issue Of The Allocation Of The Money, That's Valid. We Allocate Money In A Particular Way Now. But To Allocate It Differently At The Moment Really Requires A Better Understanding Of What The Board's Collective Policy Goals Are. Once We Have That We Can Get A Proper Allocation. How Do We Get Into The Process And To Ultimately The Public Hearings.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Any Discussion? Any Objections?

Comm. Kiker: Object.

Chairman Pendergrass: Motion Carries 3-1.

Commissioners Just One Thing On Some Of The Not The Countywide Tax Rate But On The Mstus. We Need A Simple Majority Vote Which Would Be 4-0. This Season The Countywide Tax Rate But It's The Mstus. If We Can Get A Vote On Those.

You Mean Individually?

No, Just Why Don't I Just Read The Mstu In The Proposed Millage Rate, These Noncontroversial Community Mstus But On Some Of Them, Because Of The Rate That's Been Approved By The Community, We Need A Super Majority Vote. Based On What We're Faced With, With Yeah. So A Front Store Fire Is 2.2. Henry Creek Light, Mstu, Proposed Millage Rate Of 0.4034. Leigh Lehigh Acres Light Mstu, Proposed Rate Of 0.4588. Town And River Improvement Mstu A Proposed Millage Rate Of 0.3717. And Villa Pines Light Mstu A Proposed Millage Rate Of 0.2.53.

Comm. Mann: So Moved.

Comm. Hall: Second.

Chairman Pendergrass: We Have A Second. Any Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Items 8-A.

Comm. Hall: 7-A. Equal Tint. Did We Pull That One?

Chairman Pendergrass: I'm Sorry, I Skipped One.

Comm. Hall: I Move To Adopt The Revisions To Lee County Policy Equal Opportunity To A Age Discrimination.

Chairman Pendergrass: I'll Second For Discussion. 7-A. Any Discussion? No Discussion. Any Objection? Motion Carries.

Comm. Mann: I'll Move The Penalty Approval For Separation Equipment.

Comm. Mann: Second.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Other Discussions? Any Objection? No Objection. 14-A.

Comm. Hall: Already Done.

Chairman Pendergrass: That's Right. 14-B.

Comm. Hall: I'll Move The County Attorney's Office To Disputing The Am Of Lee County Portion Of The Cost Share For Years 1011 And 1112.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries. Ok No Walk-On Items. Commissioner Items. Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: Nothing Just Want To Welcome Everybody Back. And Just As An F.Y.I. Florida Contacted Me About Us Hosting And Working With Them On An International Workshop For The Southwest Florida Area. So I've Been I've Been Working With His

Appointment Of Glen Sather To Bring That Forward Hopefully Some Time In December. And Just Happy To Be Back.

Thank You. Commissioner Mann.

Simply To Point Out What I Have Been Doing From Time To Time, Mr. Chairman, As It Relates To Impact The Reduction That We Adopted Here Several Months Ago. It Was For A Two-Year Period With The End Of One Year. So I've Been In Touch With Mary Gibe -- Bs And I Know They're Keeping Records Of Permits And That Sort Of Thing. How Many And What Categories. This Was A Recent Article Than Last Five Days, About Residential Homes Sales. Not Permits But It Says That They Are Down Slightly This Month Over Last Year, The Same Month. But, The Price Of A Home In Lee County Is Now At 185 From Where It Was 145 A Year Ago. Is It Those Economic Rebound Still Very Strong And Very Active Here. And, I Just Keep Pointing These Things Out. So That We Don't Not Think About As We Get To The End Of The Year And Review Howrobust Economy Thinks.Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: That's It? Commissioner Kiker, Any Commissioner Items?

Comm. Kiker: I Do Not.

Chairman Pendergrass: I Have A Couple. Lake Okeechobee. We've Read The Updates, I Was Contacted And I've Urged Everybody The Citizens To Contact Our Local Delegation And Our Congress To Make Sure We Continue To Reference Here. Item Very Devastating To Our Economy. We Can See What Happened On A Large Scale That Still Continues To Happen Throughout The Year When Those Rains Of Central Florida. Congressman Had Been Adamant, He Will Help To Get The Water Bill Passed In Congress This Year To Help Funding For That. And To Continue Us Efforts, Thank Commissioner Hall For Her Efforts. She's Been Working With Other Groups To Help Us With The Water Here. If You Have Any Comments About It.

Comm. Hall: When We Met With Him A Couple Weeks Ago, We Had A Conditioned Support. And That Had To Do With In Totality, And There Were Some Concerns That He And His Chief Of Staff Raised For Some Of The Language. He Wanted To Put Us On Notice If The Bill Is Not Cleaner, There May Be Some Hesitation On His Part. Of Course Always In The Detail And We Appreciate It Sharing Some Of The Concerns With Budget That Had That Would Move Him To Not Support It, But We

Met With The Almost Florida Delegation, I Think You All Got A Report Shortly After We Came Back. Kirk Was With Me. There Is Overwhelming Support That The House In September Will Hear Word Of. So Keep Our Fingers Crossed. It's A First Step In Getting Us Funding For Seat 43. Certainly Doesn't Get Us That Funding But Gets Us Going The Right Direction. You Can See The Russell Of It Every Day Now. The Next Thing Was Lee County's Exposure, And We Were Talking About It Earlier In The Item.The Total Litigation Exposure.

Not The Total Litigation, But The One That's On The Horizon There Was A Second Decision Which Just Affirm The Lower Decision Which Heldus At Liability.What We Have Done For Outside Council Is Asked For A Motion For A Hearing Which Mean All Of The Judges Would Hear It Or And Or As For Written Opinion So It Can Be Appealed If We Get A Written Opinion. And That Cost Is A At 8.2 Million Dollars Currently If That Motion Is Denied Then We Would Be Liable For That. The Next 30 Days.

Any Dates On That.

The Motion Was Filed So We're Waiting For To Hear What The Court Is Going To Do. So We Would They In Probably The Next Two To Three Weeks We Would Be Able To Let You Notice But That Cost Is Coming Quickly, And With If We Lead That It Will Be 1.21 Million Dollars.

Chairman Pendergrass: I Know You Brought It Up Earlier. But I Had Questions About It. Thank You For Bringing It Up Before.

Comm. Kiker: Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Next, Roger Thank You Upon Jim's Departure. My Question Is Roger, Is After We Hire Somebody What Kind Of Upside Are We Going To Have In Your Office.

Sure, Thank You, Mr. Chair. It Will Be Identical To The Oversight Of The Other Offices And Departments In Lee County Government. I Met With The Committee And Also With The Board And Had A Conversation About Using The Competitor Process For Bidding Such Contracts As Marketing For Example. So That Even Though You Know, If No Laws Have Been Broken And I Don't Suspect That They

Have, But At Least That Gets Treated The Same As Every Other Department Of County Government And They're All Agreed That That's A Good Thing To Do. So, We Will Be Paying Close Attention.

That's My Main Person. Concern. Some Of The Deposits Are So Far Out There. Day Work With The Lee County Residents. And I Don Want To See That Happen In The Future Where They Get Out There, And On Their Own And There's No Direction Or Oversight. So Make Sure That Gets Taken Care Of.

That I Think Thank You.

Comm. Hall: I Had Asked When That Issue Came Up About Three Years Ago, We Had Local Businesses, Make Their Concerns Known. And I Asked Ho Look At How With We'll Do Private Funding, But Yet That Funding The Way It's Spent Is Overseen By County Government Because The Reason It Didn't Go Out To Bid Was The Fact That It Was Horizon Council Foundation Dollars, And Not Dollars Collected Through Us. There Is Still A Perception, Using That Name For The Benefit Of A Public Agency Which Still Orders, You Know, While The Foundation Is A Private Company.If They Want To Managethat, That's Something Different, But If It's Coming Into Our Offices And Being Used For Public Purposes, Then I Think We Should Be Notified. And I'll Share With You That I Asked For, If The Contract Was Out, And I Was Given Names Of Three Companies Two Of Them Were Never Contacted Ever. So, I Didn't Appreciate Being Misled In That Process Either. So I Would Like Again, I'm Going To Ask Again For The County Attorney And The County Manager And Hopefully With Supporting View, Look At The Nonprofits That Help Support Which Were So Gracious And In Very Generous Donations That Come In To Help Facilitate Above And Beyond What We Do, How We Manage Those Dollar. They Come From The I.D.A., Whether They Come From A Foundation. Where There's In Development, Any Of Our Groups That Have These Foundations That Are Supporting Them, I Think There Should Be County Policy That If That Money Is Going To Be Used For Public Benefit That There Is Something There. And, That We If You're Using Our Name To Raise That Money, That We Do Hold That Money Accountable In A Public Fashion So That People Know That Their Money Is Being Used As A As It's Being Used And That Is No Indication, I Think The Foundation Does A Full Job. Even Though I'm Not Theliasion.I Still Attend The Meetings To Know What's Going On. And All Of These Meetings Because All Five Of Us Are Held

Responsible, So I Would Still, I Don't Know If There Is A Policy But I Will Like Maybe For You To Meet With Those Foundation Members And Have A Conversation With Them, And Be Inclusive To Maybe Come Back To Us With Their Thoughts. But I Just Think There Should Be When Our Staff Is Overseeing Those Organizations, How Do We Make Those Donations Transparent? And I Think That There Is A Role For Us To Have In That, Since They Are Comingling With Us. We're Accepting Those Funds.

Commissioner, Once Again Your Conversation Is Very Well Taken, And I Will Give You A Couple Of Examples. With The I.D.A. Those Plans Raised By The I.D.A. And When The Bills Are Paid By The I Feel D.A. That's A Completely Separate Function Of Government. Now In This Case, When There's A Marketing Contract And We're Involved In Making Money, We're Staffed To The I.D.A. They've Agreed That We'll Use The Competitive Bid Process And That Kind.

Comm. Hall: Let Me Top You, Roger. I'm Not Looking For An Explanation. I'm Looking For A Written Policy. What I Find In My Nine Years, We Say A Lot Of Things And Go Down A Road. And The You Don't Have The Longevity Of Staff And Commissioners, No One Remembers When We Talked About That Policy. So I Want Something That Is Either An Understanding So That Anyone Can Come And Say, What's The Policy, And Everyone Says This Is It, And Someone Says, I Didn't Know About That, Where Is It Written Down. So, I'm Just Frustrated. I Hear What You're Saying, But I'm Not Looking For Any Answers Today. What I'm Asking For You Is To Go Back And Have Them Comment Back To Us. I'm Not Trying To Micro Manage The Generous Donations Of The Public Or How These Foundations Which Have Been Set Up Separately, But They Are For The Public Benefit To Do A Specific Purpose. And I'm Just Looking For With A Way To Make It More France Parent So People Who Are Donating. If There Is No Policy That Needs To Be Put In Place, Then I Will Like For Those Groups To Tell Us Why And I'm Looking For Some Inclusiveness And Not Really An Answer Today.

This Is A Request By A Commissioner, But I Need The Board.

Comm. Kiker: I Would Like To See This Come To M.M.P.And Whatever Is Appropriatein Terms Of Whether Or Not We Should Put A Policy In Place.

Comm. Hall: My Quest Today Is For Him To Go To The Foundation And Talk To Them And Come Back And Talk To Us. I'm Not Asking For A Policy To Be Put In Place. I'm Just Sharing My Concerns And I Would Like Those Foundations To Have Feedback To See If They Have The Same Concern Or Not.

I Think In The Light Of Things, I Think Any Review Of That Process And How Those Organizations Are Structured, Who They Report To, I Think Absolutely Needs To Be Defined Well For The Public And Spend More Time With The Education Piece Of It Perhaps What's Going On There. And I Would Be In Favor Of Bringing It Up For Consideration When It's Appropriate And You Can Pull The Resources Together.

It's The Will Of The Board. Do Some Research, Have Conversations. We Will Come Back With The Conversation.

Thank You, Roger.

That Can, Committee Appointments Commissioner Hall.

Comm. Hall: Yes. I Do Have A Few. I Have A Reappointment Of Carl Johnson To The Street Lighting Unit. Reappointment Of Teresa Schroder To The Lee County Preservation Board And A Reappointment Of Winston Church To Roadway Landscape.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank You. Any Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries.

Comm. Mann: Reappointments Barbara Nyland To The Landscape Advisory Committee And Matt Stevenson.

Comm. Hall: Second.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries.

Comm. Kiker: I Have The Mother Low. I Have Eight Appointments. To The Street Light Unit, Anthony, Walter Marion, Aretha Marion. With The Mobile Home Village, Melody And Herbert. For Human Resources. Roadway Landscape, Al O'donnell, And Lastly, Pelican Bay Channel Canal Msbu Is Michael Johnson.

Comm. Hall: Second.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Objection? North Korea. -- Motion Carries. I Have Five, Ant With A Net Waterway Advisers Committee. Martin, Special Improvement District. Bob Ravel Park And Recreation Committee.

Comm. Hall: So Moved.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Discussion? Objection? Motion Carries.

Comm. Hall: Mr. Chairman, We've Got A Note From You About The Letter For Cape Coral About The Bridge Toll. You Were Going To Bring That Up. Did You Under County Manager.

Chairman Pendergrass: I Thought We Would Pull That And Bring It Up Next Week When Commissioner Manning Is Here. He's In District Two And Is Involved With That.

Comm. Hall: Those Bridges Are Two, One And Four But It Doesn't Really.

Chairman Pendergrass: We'll Bring It Up.

Comm. Hall: I'm Happy To Wait A Week. I Didn't See That E-Mail. I Apologize.

Chairman Pendergrass: We'll Bring It Up Next Week. County Manager Items.

Just A Couple Items. Won't Take More Than An Hour.

Comm. Hall: Great.

On The Issue Of The Excess Toll Fees, We're Meeting With The City Manager And The Public Works Sector This Afternoon For A Conference.

That Was The Second Thing After Their Meeting. We Talk About Next Week.

On August 95 We're Scheduled To Have An M.M.P. And There Were Two Items For Discussion. Someone The Sustainability Plan. The Other Is The Utilities Incentive Plan, And, I Have Postponed The Sustainability Conversation Until I Have The Idea, What It Means And What It Does. Before We Come Back For That Conversation, If You Don't Mind, And Then On Utilities Incentive Plan.

That Can Be Delayed, It Was Strictly Bringing To The Board A Policy Decision Related To Uncollectible Assessments That Are Over 20 Years Old. We Needed To Present That, And That's Not Urgent.

Comm. Kiker: It's Not.

Comm. Hall: Are You Cancelling That Meeting?

Well We Have No Items Now To Discuss At That Meeting, So If We Don't Have Anything That You Would Like To Discuss, The Answer Is Yes To That. And The Next Meeting Would Be September 9th For Management Planning, But In The Meantime On August 19th We Have Our Next Budget Workshop, So Not Like We're Going To Miss You Along The Way Here. And One Other Issue With Regard To Change To An Ordinance That Was To Be In Front Of You Was August 13, Animal Control. The Animal Control Ordinance, I Would Like To Postpone That, Please. I Don't Have A Full Understanding Yet Of What Those Amendments Are That Are Being Proposed, And What That I Do To The Operation. Their Fiscal Impact And Other Issues, And So I Would Like To Bring That Back When It's More Fully Cooked, If That's Ok. Any.

Chairman Pendergrass: Everyone Good With That? Good. Ok.

And Then One Final, We Will Like To Bring You Up To Date On The Yeah, On County Research. Beg Your Pardon?

Conti Hearing And Attorney Examiner.

Comm. Kiker: A Complete Different Subject. At The End.

Chairman Pendergrass: Sorry.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Christine Brady. I Have An Update For You. We Sent Out Information With The Era Cap As Far As Your Timelines For Your Hearing Examiner As Well As Your County Attorney Recruitments And A Wealth Of Information Regarding The Activity That's Taken Place While The Board Was On Break. I Just Wanted It To Note Some Of The Important Dates That Are Coming Up, First On The Hearing Examiner Recruitment That Is Being Handled By Human Resources In House. We Will Be Scheduling Individual Meetings With Human

Resources To Review The Candidates, At A Top Candidates For The Hearing Examiner Recruitments. Individual Interviews For Next Week. The Afternoon Of August 7th. And Then Group Interviews Are Scheduled With The Board Beginning On August 8th At 2:00 P.M. In Regards To The County Attorney Recruitment, That Is Being Handled By Bob Murray And Associates. We're Anticipating A List Today. On August 5th With Board Approval Human Resources Will Submit A Final List Of Candidates Back To Bob Murray And Associates For Their Preliminary Interviews. With A Complete List Coming Back To The Board. Individual Interviews Board On August 126th, And Group Super Views With The Board On August 27th. Again, There's Additional Information In The Packets Sent Out But Remain Available For Questions.

Comm. Hall: Mr. Chairman? Has Bob Associates Going To Contact All The People On That List Before We Get The List? Those On A Preliminary List?

Yes.

Comm. Hall: I Just Don't Want Another Hick Up Where The List Gets To Us Before All The Candidates Agreed To Be On The List.

We're Trying To Ensure From A Human Resources Point Of View, Working More Closely With Bob Murray And Associates Mo They Can Sure Any Of Those Issues Are Addressed Proactively As Opposed To Reactively.

Comm. Hall: Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any Other Questions?

Thank You.

Comm. Kiker: Just A Quick Comment, There's A Lot Of Talking Going On With The Speculation On The Proposed Annexation In Bonita Springs, And If I Could Ask That You Know In The Future, When Everything Gets Appropriate You Give Us An Update On What's Going On With Bonita Springs. Because They're First On This League, What The Challenges For The County Are Or In This Case Are Not, I Think There's A Lot Of Misconception There. And Then Also, When Estero Makes Their Initial Or If We Could Ask You To Monitor That And Bring That Forward When It's Appropriate.

We Will. We Can Report What We Know As Soon As You're Ready. Some Of That Is Not Yet. As You All Know. But We're Happy To Report Back.

Comm. Hall: Can That Be An Update Next Week As County Manager.

Comm. Kiker: That Would Be Fine If.

That Would Be A Good Time, Sure. That's Easy.

Comm. Kiker: Thank You.

Chairman Pendergrass: Anything Else? Thank You. Good Job. County Attorney's Office? Nothing? Meeting Is Adjourned. Thank You.