

**March 19, 2013**

Chairman Pendergrass: Good morning. Thank you for joining us March 19, 2013. Please join us with a prayer. Pastor Joe Rosemergy of Unity Church of Fort Myers.

Dear, friends, we know you have important budget matters in front of you. Let our invocation be pleasing for each of you. Let's take a deep breath together. Gently inward acknowledging that God is the source, the Creator of all that provides and cares for all of us, the birds of the air to the fish of the sea to each of us. There is a divine light that guides and directs and it is active this spirit of truth leading you forward, us forward. So we rest in knowing it is as it is written, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. For the source and the light, thank you, dear friend. And so it is. Amen.

Amen.

Chairman Pendergrass: Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Thank you. Please be seated. Thank you, pastor, for your time. First item on the agenda are the ceremony presentations. The first one up is Commissioner Mann.

Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. If there is ever an overworked group and underpaid it's the social workers of America. Who is representing social workers here this? Ladies, would you join us, so we can say nice things about you and your hundreds of thousands of colleagues across the country stay right there. It's my pleasure to read this resolution. Whereas the social work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century. Whereas the primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and assist in meeting the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable of our society. And whereas the social workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development, aging and family care giving, child protection and family services, health care navigation, mental and behavioral health treatment. Military and veterans assistance, nonprofit management and community development and poverty reduction and whereas social workers seek to improve social functioning and social conditions for people in any level of emotional, psychological, economic and/or physical need and whereas

social workers are experts in care coordination, case management and therapeutic treatment for bio, psycho, social issues and have roles in more than 50 fields of practice and whereas social workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives, assist individuals who are often navigating significant life challenges by providing hope and professional guidance. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners in Lee County, Florida that our nation would be less successful without the contribution of America's 640,000 social workers, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as Professional Social Work Month and calls on all citizens to join with the national association of social workers and the local southwest Florida unit of the National Association of Social Workers in Florida in celebration and support of social work duly executed this very day signed by our chairman, the honorable Cecil Pendergrass and thank you for all you do for our society.

I'm co-chair of the S.W. of southwest Florida. We sincerely thank you for this recognition. And know you all make a difference in the lives of our citizens, as well. Thank you.

Thank you. [Applause]

Next ceremony with Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Hall: Thank you. I have the privilege of reading the Florida Surveyors And Mappers Week. Could you please come up to the podium? Again, it's my pleasure to recognize all of you with this resolution and it reads whereas surveyors and mappers are counted among the founding leaders of our country and were instrumental in the layout of property boundaries of the United States that have provided our citizens the pride of ownership, and that Thomas Jefferson and others served as surveyors and the citizens of Florida recognize the valued contribution of surveying and mapping profession in Florida and the United States of America and make important decisions based on the knowledge and expertise of licensed surveyors and mappers. Whereas the surveying and mapping education requires special education of training and mathematics and related sciences, surveyors and mappers are licensed to determine land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights, and advancement have required the surveyor and mapper not only to understand and implement methods of the past and learn and employ modern technology to meet the challenges of the future. Be it resolved the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does proclaim the week of March 17 through 23, 2013 as Florida Surveyors And Mappers Weeks and the services to Florida and the citizens

of the United States signed by the chair, the honorable Cecil P. Pendergrass. If we could take a photograph and hear a few words. Thank you. [Applause]

Good morning, Commissioners. I'm Rick Ritz, director with the Florida Surveying And Mapping Society. On behalf of the 45,000 surveyors across the nation and the 2,852 surveyors in the state of Florida, we would like to thank you for declaring this week Surveyors Week in Lee County. Oh, excuse me, the Florida Surveying And Mapping Society was founded in 1955, currently have a little over 1,000 members and we do have 22 chapters across the state. We are involved in the community locally here at the Collier Lee Chapter. We support the Harry Chapin Food Bank and the Ronald McDonald House, and worked with Habitat For Humanity and we provide an avenue for aspiring young surveyors with monetary contribution to their college education. We would like to thank you for recognizing us. [Applause]

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. The next ceremony presented by Commissioner Kiker.

Commissioner Kiker: Thank you. I would ask Ken Young to join us, please, at the podium and I'm very glad to be the one that gets to read this one not only to recognize the work you are doing, but hopefully to call attention to an important subject. The resolution reads whereas, multiple myeloma is the second most common blood cancer. It can occur at multiple sites. Multiple myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year. Once a disease of the elderly is being found increasingly in people under age 65. Myeloma is a rare disease. There can be a delayed diagnosis leading to delayed treatment. Increased awareness of myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer. Continued investment to achieve diagnosis and implement the safest treatment for myeloma treatments, and whereas although we have seen important advances in the last decade, there is still no cure for myeloma. The board is committed to increasing awareness of myeloma and nurturing private efforts to enhance research, funding and education programs. Therefore be it resolved the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, do here by proclaim the month of March 2013 as Myeloma Awareness Month in Lee County and encourage all residents to participate in voluntary activities to support myeloma researching program to find a cure. Duly executed March 19, 2013 by the honorable Cecil P. Pendergrass. Thank you. [Applause]

I just found out about multiple myeloma myself and it's been a change. But they have made a lot of progress and a lot of advances. Probably one of the most

important things in dealing with multiple myeloma is having a good caregiver. The caregivers are important in this. Certainly appreciate you making the proclamation. That brings more awareness to it. Thank you very much. [Applause]

Chairman Pendergrass: At this time with no other ceremony presentations one being removed other items on administrative agenda and walk-opens. Public comment. Two cards for the consent administrative agenda. First speaker Ken Kelly. You have three minutes, sir, at the podium.

Good morning. Commissioner. I'm Ken Kelly representing Total Incorporated out of the state of North Carolina. We supply carts to Lee County for approximately eight years with approximately 70,000 carts in the county. We have been partners with your system to do single stream recycling for eight years. I understand that we have a purchase order that was signed by the chairman of the 8th and then was pulled with an intent to cancel on the 11th. I just want to let everybody know that we have already ordered materials, labels, set aside production capacity so that we can meet your desire and needs to cart this new section at your timetable. We have already started action to do that. By canceling the purchase, order we will have some sort of damages that we have already incurred to prepare for the carts. Having said that our goal is not to be combative in any way. We are here at your partner, to continue your intent and desire to increase your single stream recycling program. I'm here for any questions. Thank you.

Thank you. Next speaker, Keith Benefek.

Good morning. I represent keep Lee County beautiful. I'm the chairman. It is in support of the walk-on 500,000 carts for purchase and redistribution for recycling increased participation in Lehigh Acres. Thank you.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. At this time I have no other cards. We'll close public comment and move on to the consent agenda. Commissioner Manning.

Commissioner Manning: I have none.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Kiker.

Commissioner Kiker: I have two. C-8 a and c-9 b.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Mann?

Commissioner Mann: None.

Commissioner Hall: None. I'll move the balance.

Chairman Pendergrass: Moved, seconded by commissioner Manning. Motion to balance approval? Any objection? No objection, motion carries. Commissioner Kiker, you have the floor.

Commissioner Kiker: Authorization to solid waste division to replace three temporary positions with three full-time positions. Just in the light of the conversation that we had yesterday in terms of tracking down head count, etc., I'm not feeling particularly good about hiring three more people. Also, in here it states there are no additional funds that are going to be required to do this, but I question, are there going to be no benefits that go along with the permanent positions? Maybe a little explanation, please.

Chairman Pendergrass: Lindsey, would you like to comment on that?

Good morning. My name is Lindsey Sampson of the Solid Waste Department. Just to clarify a few things. These positions are currently occupied. They are occupied as temporary positions and we have people working. The folks that we have working have been in those temporary positions for approximately six months. One gentleman was with us for about two months. Got called back to Afghanistan in the service, was able to come back home about three 1/2 months later or four months later. We had the same need for a driver and was able to put him back into that temporary position. We state there's no additional funds required at this time with regards to our budget because we believe our budget will be able to absorb. We budgeted for several temporary employees last year during budget time. Although the full-time position will entail medical benefits, which they are not getting now, that's estimated to be about I believe \$27,000 for the rest of this year and we don't believe additional budget will be required that's why we don't think additional funding will be required. The work is being performed. The work is required. Our drivers transport garbage from Hendry County from Clewiston, from Labelle. They transport ash to the landfill. We move thousands, hundreds of thousands of tons a year of material. We to need these drivers to stay in their positions. Are there any questions?

Commissioner Kiker: I have no further questions.

Chairman Pendergrass: Further questions by the board? Commissioner Mann?

Commissioner Mann: When you put three more permanent employees on, it would indicate seemingly to me at least an increase in the work load. That could have been anticipated last year. I'm curious why we didn't have these already locked in as permanent drivers instead of temporary.

Much of our work is very much related to the economy. And from 2007 to 2009, we saw a 20% reduction in solid waste materials. Since 2009, that number has been creeping up in though not on a regular uniform basis. However, we did anticipate additional material for this year. We did add positions already in our budget this year during the last budget cycle. We also included money for temporary positions, too, if it was determined that we were going to need them, which it was. Like I said, we brought some of these folks on in the summer. The blue sheet provides a lot of numbers on that. We're fine on that.

Chairman Pendergrass: Move the item.

Second by commissioner Kiker. No discussion. Any objection? Motion carries.

Commissioner Kiker?

Yes, sir. Item C-9 b from M.S.T.U. reserves to Lehigh Community Park.

Commissioners, I'm sorry to interrupt. That was moved to administrative agenda.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. My administrator is not here this morning. Fine. Thank you. That was easy. On to administrative agenda.

Moved, second? No discussion. Any objection? No objection motion carries 5-0.

13-a.

Motion, second. Any discussion? No discussion. Any objection? Motion carries.

13-b,

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Any discussion? No discussion. Any objection? No objection. Motion carries.

Chairman Pendergrass: Walk on now. 9-b.

Chairman Pendergrass: Walk-on items 9-b.

We need to take up 9-b right now.

I'll do whatever you would like. I do apologize. I obviously didn't get the memo this morning. Yes, sir.

Commissioners, for the record Pete Wenton, County Administration. I know you have been briefed and there has been media coverage of this. This is correcting a mistake and misinterpretation of use of impact fees from the Lehigh impact district of community parks. In 2004, we were under the impression that, like roads, you could use impact fees in adjoining school districts and in 2004 we used \$670,000 from a district that is now part of the Lehigh Acres School District to purchase additional property and improve Shamler Hall Park. In 2010, we used some impact fees for the community park part of JetBlue, which is a soccer complex. Both these amenities are used by thousands of youths during the year. Our recommendation is to make the Lehigh Acres district whole, correct the mistake and use funds from our unincorporated MSTU fund, which at the end of last year had \$56 million in reserves. We have the ability to use money from that reserve and likely in those years if we were going to do the amenities we probably would have tapped that fund anyway. Nobody is being charged twice. Unincorporated MSTU is where community parks are paid from. If you live in the unincorporated area your taxes are going to Fort Myers, Three Oaks, Estero, Retenberg, throughout the county. That is our recommendation.

Chairman Pendergrass: On for discussion?

My lead question. Why is this not on administrative agenda? I guess we can take that out of the mix. Do we need to have this approved today? Is there a reason we need to do this asap?

No.

OK. The reason I asked that is, you know, just from my viewpoint I just think we need to maybe slow down long enough and take a look at what happened, find out how did this occur. I think it requires some explanation. A lot of different kinds of questions, different places I would like to address and get answered. One might be from legal. Did you sign off on this the first time through?

Yes, we did, Commissioners.

OK. I want to make sure we go through why did this happen. Should we try to avoid it next time?

I think we have all operated for the last several decades under the impression you could use community impact fees from adjoining districts because you can for roads. Moving forward that might be something the commission might want to consider so the ordinances are comparable.

Under the current ordinance this was a proper usage of money? Obviously it wasn't.

Our interpretation was it was proper, but it was not.

That's my questions.

Commissioner Hall: Well, it was a proper use of the impact fees, but improper use of the district. Again, we should look at the ordinance to create as much flexibility as possible. You see that where impact fees, we don't have to have as many districts as we have. The person paying the impact fee is supposed to gain the benefit. The residents gain the benefit if I'm being very simplified. We ask cell phones not be used.

Jim, could you go out in the hallway, please?

Commissioner Hall: So there are areas in our community, while they influence and the impact fee is paid to have that flexibility where the need is greater. I think we need to amend the ordinance. We had a problem here and needed to correct it. I don't have a problem walking through the who, what, where. But the impact fee was not improper. It was used for the proper thing just in the wrong district. I don't want to wait to make the correction, but I don't have a problem accommodating a bigger dialogue about how to deal with impact fee, the park's impact fee district. It's been an issue for me that we have so many districts and why don't we just have four where you are always adjacent for Lehigh or anywhere else.

Commissioner Kiker, this is your item, but I would make a motion we approve with the caveat we bring this back at an M.M.P. to talk about the impact district and the ordinance.

Chairman Pendergrass: Second. Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: By the time the media got through with this the impression was that the money was used to help build JetBlue park, the baseball stadium. I need it on the record how that money was used and whether it was used for such a purpose.

No, that money was used strictly for the community component at JetBlue which was soccer fields.

Commissioner Mann: Yes, and little kids playing out there.

Correct. We have a youth league using that over 200 youth are using the facility at this time.

Commissioner Mann: But it could be used for parking during spring training.

Yes, for parking during spring training. That land was purchased for the purpose of parking. We used the impact fee money to build the soccer fields for youth to play and tournaments through the sports authority.

Commissioner Mann: When we are through with this today and I'm prepared to go ahead and support this motion, I wanted all these issues put to bed. It's been pointed out by Commissioner Hall that it was improper to transfer it the way it was, but the use for kids to play soccer was totally proper. What we are doing by fixing this remains totally proper. We are just correcting an administrative error we are going to talk about later. I don't think we need to rush into talking about this later about impact fees because for two years we won't have a budget of impact fees, but I'm happy to discuss this later on.

Chairman Pendergrass: Other discussion?

Commissioner Mann: He said sarcastically.

Chairman Pendergrass: Any objection? No objection. Motion carries. Thank you, staff. One item of walk-on the push of the recycle bins.

That's my item. A couple weeks ago we had an item regarding -- I'm just going to give estimated numbers. \$1.8 million to buy some recycling bins. It was my impression at the time that we weren't going to actually implement this until 2015. Again, based on the same kind of discussion we had yesterday with the budget, it

was my question about whether or not we should be spending the money this year versus 2015. One of the -- in fact it was commissioner Manning pointed out in that meeting that we needed to find out where we are on the contracts whether we were able to actually stop the, that property until we had a chance to talk about it again today and the answer came back from legal at that point in time that we could stop it long enough to have this conversation.

Correct.

Commissioner Kiker: Having said that we received an e-mail later that said there was some equipment already on order and it was going to arrive this Friday. Which meant probably we can't stop this now. My question at that point was how, you know, how did that happen? I wanted to know legally where were we contractually with our vendor at that time. I got to be honest with you. I didn't get what I thought was a good response. I'm going to say about two or three days later I turned it over to our attorney and asked could she please give me a legal status of all the contracts related to this. And a sequence of events. If I may ask our attorney if she could comment where we are.

Commissioners, we tried to get the information in order to allow you all to discuss it again based on the motion passed last week. It took a while to get the information. It was difficult to get the information for some reason that we needed. And finally we are able to get in touch with W.F.I. based on information provided. We went around with them for a bit, but finally through an e-mail W.F.I. indicated they were able to put their order on hold until you all could discuss this again. It took us a while to get that information and we were finally able to provide that to you and the memo that came out yesterday moving forward.

So with that in mind, I was pointing out the fact that it's difficult to get some of this information. I think as a result of that there was a terrific explanation of the program that came to us in the form of an e-mail. I would hope that in the future we would have those kinds of explanations in the blue sheets. But at this point in time, I'm going to continue with legal that it is proper, it is my estimation or understand my understanding at this time that this program is to be implemented asap, so we will get the benefits from it immediately. I intend to rescind my objections to the previous motion and support it.

Chairman Pendergrass: Second. Commissioner Kiker makes the motion. Commissioner Manning seconds. Any discussion? Motion carries. Next item: Commissioner Items. Commissioner Manning.

Commissioner Manning: I have sent each of you a cover memo with a draft letter to I was going to say the honorable Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell, but I'll defer that conversation. Also the draft letter if you agree to the appropriate members of the house in Washington. As you know, the municipal tax benefit of municipal bonds may come to an end with deliberations forthcoming on the house and Senate side. I would respectfully request it be sent to those individuals to ask them to slow that process down because 90% of the infrastructure that is built in this country from roads to water, wastewater is done with municipal bonds. I would hope that I could get consensus to send the letter under the chairman's signature.

Commissioner Hall: Make sure you copy Maco. They are all over this. I did have a chance to talk with members of the of Florida delegation about the importance of retaining tax exempt balance for the same reasons. It would be great if our Florida delegation could get that, our two senators and 27 members of Florida delegation. I'll support and certainly think we need to move forward with numerous letters going to them.

Chairman Pendergrass: Further discussion? I personally support it. Thank you for doing this

Commissioner Manning: Thank you.

Commissioner Kiker: Me, as well.

Commissioner Hall: OK. Perfect.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commission Items, Commissioner Mann.

I have a few items myself today. I sent copies to the board.

Commissioner Kiker: We are bringing forward a resolution to support the second amendment in consideration of the March 9th meeting thereby joining sheriffs and cities and counties in the state of Florida in supporting the second amendment to the constitution asking for consensus of the board to agree we already have a copy of the resolution and draft from the legal department.

Commissioner Hall: Sounds good.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you.

Commissioner Mann: Can we show some indication here that it was a unanimous support?

Commissioner Hall: I'll make a motion to support the resolution.

Chairman Pendergrass: 5-0.

Chairman Pendergrass: Resolution will be presented this week. Thank you.

Commissioner Manning: A second to the motion, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Pendergrass: I'll second it.

Commissioner Manning: It's on record with unanimity.

Chairman Pendergrass: Motion carries 5-0.

Chairman Pendergrass: Second item I'll bring forward. I'd like consideration for the board to update the land -- electronic message signings on 641 in the two mile stretch of road there. I was approached by businesses in my district that would like to go along with the businesses north of 41 to have electronic message signs inside the boundaries of 90 square feet.

Commissioner Hall: I don't have a problem with the development reviewing that and bringing back suggestions to us.

Commissioner Manning: It will come back as a blue sheet.

Chairman Pendergrass: Is Bobby in the audience?

Commissioner Hall: Yes, in the back.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. I was approached by the local regional planning council to support their efforts to support solar power and I wrote a letter in support of them for that are.

Commissioner Manning: No objection.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you.

Commissioner Manning: You only get three, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Kiker: You can have one of mine.

Chairman Pendergrass: I want to say thank you for the great job you did yesterday on the presentation. I have mine today with the recruiter. I could see the frustration of staff dealing with this patrols and we are new at this process. I didn't know when I came in November; it would take so long to go through the process. We have we have 14 more weeks in front of us. I had hiring with the recruiters I probably would have been more diligent. I am basically asking my colleagues to continue the process we are going through now 14 more weeks before a new County Manager. Doug has done a great job, but I understand his frustration with also bringing more staff to help him, and when he does, he gets crucified for doing that. They're just doing their job. Bringing that up. Anybody have any discussion?

Commissioner Manning: If you want to gain consensus on moving this process faster, I don't know quite how we do that, but I'm with you on that. 17 weeks seems like a very long time. I have no objection to see if there is no way to program this program faster. I don't know where my other colleagues are.

Commissioner Hall: Mr. Chairman, I had my initial interview with the recruiter. I think we have a good recruiting company. I think that as she questions through -- goes through and questions five commissioners the time frame frustration is loud and clear and she's hearing that. If they can move faster my indication I got in my meeting was they are going to. I don't want to rush through and have the wrong person. I believe her commitment to us is to get the right person for the job and no longer than what always had been laid out, but hopefully sooner. One concern I have now, Doug, we have better communication with you on decisions being made on staffing changes and things like that. We would like to, I think, the sense I'm getting from the frustration the board has is because everything is in the status quo we made it clear to you we didn't want you to be a place holder. We wanted things cleaned up and opportunity for the cultural change to continue that we started. But I think it would be helpful there's more dialogue before we get a memo of what has been done and that might ease some of the aha moments we are having. That's the only thing I would suggest. There are so many things going on right now, there's only so many hours in a day for you. I will say finding the time and looking at your calendar that you are touching in the interim might be helpful to supply commissioners.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. Any other discussion?

Commissioner Mann: Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: I have some thoughts on how to speed up this process by possibly bringing a suggested name up right away and then we would abandon this process and bring someone in right away.

Commissioner Hall: Oh, my gosh.

Commissioner Mann: Excuse me. I'm just taking an opportunity here to discuss the issue before us. Didn't mean to upset you.

Commissioner Hall: We start and stop a lot.

Commissioner Mann: It's called democracy at work.

Commissioner Hall: Let me apologize.

Commissioner Mann: Apology accepted. Next week I'm still studying on this, we would have the process completed instantly. I wanted to let you know that's what I'm thinking and I may bring this alternative and that could shorten the 14 weeks substantially. We'll see.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. Any other discussion?

Commissioner Kiker: I do. I'll make it quick. In my tenure working in government, I have had the opportunity to work with temporary managers a couple times. This will be my third. One of the things we found helpful is to formally put together a feedback session. Even though this is not going to be a permanent position, it should entitle us an opportunity to sit back and give each other feedback because there are things we could do better to help you. It should not just because it's temporary should not negate that we don't give you feedback, things we prefer, things we could do better, maybe suggestions. Depending on how long this lasts, maybe during some informal session or what have you have an opportunity to set with Doug and talk about different things. Yes, we do it one-on-one. But as I group, maybe there are some things we need to discuss. I look forward to at least on a weekly basis to speak with you.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. I'm looking forward to the meeting today with the recruiter at 1:30 and I'll express my desire to speed the item. Any other items?

Commissioner Hall: Commissioner Mann, have you saying you want to bring forward a name to see if we want to stop the process?

Commissioner Mann: I may.

Commissioner Hall: On that note. Where are we with the County Attorney issue? We stopped that and I thought -- is that coming back next week? When is that coming back? We paused that recruitment process, so Commissioner Pendergrass and Commissioner Kiker could do interviews with Ms. Fraser. Can we bring that back?

Chairman Pendergrass: I'm prepared to bring that back next week.

Commissioner Hall: Could you bring that back so we could get directions on that?

Commissioner Kiker: And I want to look at Mr. Mann. I want to have -- it was your suggestion.

Commissioner Mann: I brought it up. Mr. Chairman, if I may, I think it was at your suggestion to buy another 30 days, so the new commissioners -- pretty soon you will be regulars rather than new ones. You have served your apprenticeship. There was no set way to deal with this. I was almost looking for you guys to say I have had time to entertain to make her the permanent if you want one more week frankly I was hoping to resolve that issue and see what direction we were going there before I further complicated things by caulking the County Manager role. I'm trying to get that one behind us so the ball is kind of in your court as to when -- maybe I could ask either one of you all to bring it back next week and say OK, I'm prepared to support what Commissioner Mann was talking about or return to the search process. If I could leave that in your laps to deal with?

Commissioner Kiker: Next week is fine.

Commissioner Mann: See you next week.

Chairman Pendergrass: Thank you. Commissioner items for Commissioner Mann.

Commissioner Mann: We have rules we are trying to work by, but I have a clipping service. We got these yesterday afternoon late. They are quick and for love and respect I wanted to share this with my colleagues. Local papers there was a headline that said Lehigh leads the way thanks to rebound in housing and the economy. And also Connie Baron, public information officer director for Cape Coral says the housing market is starting to rebound. Last month we had the most single family permits since 2006. I just knew everybody would be happy to know that. I wanted to share that good news.

I can't believe it's working that fast.

Commissioner Mann: This was in anticipation that we might be reducing impact fees. Think if they actually -- I'm sorry. I just wanted to share that with my colleagues. Any other items?

Commissioner Kiker: Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer congratulations to the brand new mayor of Fort Myers beach, Allen Mendel and his new manager. I'm sorry I didn't bring it up earlier. Congratulations.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Hall: There was a request to support bills 365 and 356. I think you got a memo from Glen. Is Glen here? Are we still timely with this? It changes daily. I wanted to make sure.

Thank you. Glen Sallier, yes, we are.

Commissioner Hall: We started this in the past. I wanted to make sure everybody was good with getting something off with the chair signature. I wasn't able to attend the meeting with Fort Myers beach but we purchased the beachfront property and the property across the street which we anticipated using for parking. Under the T.D.C., that is the only use we could use for the monies we had. We are not moving forward with the parking lot there because of zoning and challenges based there. I would like the board to consider getting it off of T.D.C. books and opening it up. Right now it's restricted. Every time we have a conversation about that property, it's oh, no, the only thing it can be used for is a parking lot. I would like to clean up the books and get it to the county side and get it done. When we talked about what it would cost to reimburse the T.D.C. it was \$900,000 and I would like staff to prepare a blue sheet and bring that forward and see it go up or down. It's been languishing for three 1/2, four years. I think enough is enough.

Let's bring it back to the county, so we can have an open dialogue with the beach that's not being restrictive. I'm asking staff to bring it forward.

Commissioner Kiker: I applaud your efforts. It's more than just a sore spot. It's the first thing you see coming over the bridge. I think the number is \$985,000. There was a time when the town was willing to pay the county that amount of money. That might be one thing to explore as well. In concert with that in our last joint meeting the town asked that the county allow them to take ownership if you will, of working on a direction whether it's a private/public partnership to do something with the property in terms of some kind of development. Lastly on the same subject I'll keep piling on, the whole subject about Estero Boulevard that we need to have continuing conversations on that. I don't know if we can make that part of that or not.

Commissioner Hall: I'd like not to. I'd like to take baby steps and keep it simple. It needs to come over to the county, so rather than taking on the whole bag of issues, I would like to get this one done and move forward and keep the blue sheet clean to see if this board is going to support reimbursing the T.D.C. At that point I'm more than willing to take baby steps to move forward to accomplish that. If we could ask staff direction to bring it forward at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Kiker: I support it.

Commissioner Hall: I leave that to Doug to coordinate.

Commissioner Mann: I wanted to make certain I understand I don't know what the dollar amount was. I thought we bought it as a package deal.

Commissioner Hall: Yes, we did.

Commissioner Mann: So there has to be an appraisal of breaking this out across the street.

Commissioner Kiker: It's \$985,000.

Karen McGuire, county lands. We had allocated to that site, \$900,000 purchase price and then the demolition price was \$85,000.

Commissioner Mann: Silly me. I didn't remember \$985,000. Apparently nobody else did either. What I would like to know is a suggested source. We'll have to pay

T.D.C. back. Where will those dollars come from? I presume out on our plush reserves. This exacerbates our dwindling reserve situation.

Commissioner Kiker: I would think the discussion is just that.

Commissioner Hall: If we bring it out on blue sheet staff can make a recommendation and we can have a conversation whether we want to move forward with that. I wasn't looking for a conversation but to blue sheet it so afford us an opportunity to speak to it. If there is consensus for that, I would pressure that support.

Commissioner Kiker: You have mine.

Commissioner Manning: You have mine to bring it forward as a blue sheet item.

Commissioner Hall: I want to make sure I understand our process. Announcements we don't have to e-mail you on, right?

Commissioner Hall: Great. I don't know how many of you are participating the chamber has a big fundraiser and this afternoon there is a mini golf outing for the former chamber to get their bambis on the beach and start promoting. I'm happy to participate in my great golf mini golf skills. I don't think I'll be on the winning team but I want to make a good effort.

Chairman Pendergrass: I wanted to be there myself, but I have to go to Tallahassee. Commissioner items?

None. None.

Chairman Pendergrass: Commissioner Hall?

Commissioner Hall: Yes. Jennifer Nelson and Greg to the commissioner advisory committee.

Chairman Pendergrass: Motion carries. County Manager items?

Nothing stay.

Chairman Pendergrass: County attorney items.

Nothing today. Thank you.

Chairman Pendergrass: Then we are adjourned. Thank you for attending.