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In This Room Or Coming. I Pray That You Would Grant Wisdom To Each Person Here In This Room As We Make Decisions And Best Guide Our City And Our County. I Pray That You Would Bless This Time Together And That We Could Move Forward In All Things And Bring Glory To Your Name. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen.

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

We Have A Few Ceremonials This Morning. I Have The First One. Please Come Forward. Any Other Staff In Your Department? Thank You. Thank You, Congratulations. Whereas, The Purpose Of The Nomination -- Is To Recognize Those Employees Who Have Gone Above And Beyond Their Assigned Duties To Make Outstanding Contributions To Lee County In Their Community. Whereas -- Attempted To Pick Up One Of His Regular Cape Coral Passengers When This Rider Was Not Ready. Whereas, Upon Picking Up His Next Passenger, He Decided To Return To The First Passenger's House To Check On Her. Stayed With Her Until The Ambulance Arrived. Whereas A Single Act Of Compassion Represents Fred's Outstanding Commitment To The Citizens Of Lee County. The Board Of County Commission Of Lee County Does Here By Recognize And Praise Him As -- 2012-2013, Duely Executed. Thank You.

[Applause]

Come Forward For The Presentation. We'll Take The Pictures Now. Thank You For Your Service.

I'd Like To Thank Joe Brown And Peter And Mr. Myers And My Co-Workers And Thank You Very Much. It's Quite An Honor.

Thank You.

[Applause]

Some Of You Might Recognize Me From The Local Coordinating Board Meeting. I'd

Like To Thank You For The Opportunity To Honor One Of Our Drivers. It's Not An Easy Job. Every Day, Those Guys Hit The Streets. Safety Is Their Number One Concern. 25% Of Those Are Wheelchair Trips. That's The Extra Level Of Care For The Wheelchairs. I Think Everybody Does A Great Job. The Other Day We Had A Client Come In For Her Recertification. We Noticed Her Birth Date Was About To Turn 100. So It Got Me Thinking, What Are The Ages Of People That Are Riding The Passport System. So I Pulled It Real Quick And I Found That There Are Two Clients Who Are 100 Years Old Or Older Riding Passport. 140 90 Years Old. And I Went Back And Pulled The Riders Of The Past 12 Months. It Takes A Certain Personality To Do That With A Smile. Fred Was One Of The Original Drivers From The First Batch We Hired Back When Lee Tran And The County Started The New Division In 2005 That Started In January 2005. And He's Done A Great Job And Turned Out Well For The Client. I'm Very Proud About That. Also, We Have The Executive Director Doug Fouler From The Lighthouse. He Wrote That Nice Letter That Got The Ball Rolling. And He'd Like To Say A Few Words.

Fred Here Saved The Life Of One Of Our Dearest Staff. I Get Choked Up When I Think About It. All Of The Drivers Do An Excellent Job. I Don't Have To Worry About, When I Go Home That Our Clients Are Safe At Least Getting Home. Fred Was Picking Up A Lady That We Call General Judy. She's A Receptionist. She Works Part Time With Us As A Receptionist. And She's Known As The General Because She Knows Everything About Everybody. Her Safety Device Had Fallen Off Of Her And She Couldn't Reach It. Of Course There's No Phone In The Bathroom. So She Apparently Tried To Keep Warm With A Towel And The Next Morning Fred Was Driving. And It Was Weird That Judy Wasn't Ready. And I Know Their Protocol Is Not To Venture Into The Home. But Our Staff Really Encouraged Fred To, Something's Not Right Here. We Gotta Do Something. And Since We Knew That Fred Knew Her And All That Stuff, They Did Venture Into The Home And Found Her On The Floor. She Was Subsequently Hospitalized For Almost Four Months From That Fall. She's A Very Valuable Asset To Our Agency. If You Ever Call Or Come There, She'll Know More About You In Two Seconds Than Anyone You Could Ever Go To. And She Puts A Smile On Everybody's Face. And Due To Fred, She Came Back To Work And She's Alive And She's Bossing All Of Us Around Like She Always Has. Fred, Thank You.

[Applause]

Thank You Again, Fred And Congratulations. The Next Ceremony Is Commissioner Manning.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman. If I Could Ask Susanne And Anyone Else She Has With Her To Come Forward. Recognizing National Small Business Week And I'll Read It Into The Record. Whereas Every Year Since 1963 The President Of The United States Has Proclaimed National Small Business Week To Recognize Small Businesses To The Well Being Of North America. And Where As Florida Gulf Coast University -- Celebrating The Spirit Of Entrepreneurship. Provides Free One On One Confidential Consulting, Training And Support That Provides A Healthy Business Environment And Provides The Necessary Tools For Entrepreneurs To Succeed In A Global Work Force. And Where As The And All Across The United States To Succeed And Grow In An Ever Expanding Global Economy. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County Florida Does Here By Proclaim The Week Of May 20th-24th As Small Business Week In Lee County. Duly Executed By Our Chairman Cecil Pendergrass. It's Exciting That Entrepreneurship Is Alive, Especially In Lee County. We're Passionate About Helping Entrepreneurs. The Backbone Of This County Is Small Business. We Helped Over 1200 Small Businesses In Southwest Florida. And Anything We Could Do To Help Businesses Succeed Is What We Do. And We're Passionate. Fgcu Has Supported Us Along With The Small Business Administration. I've Been There Almost 16 Years. And I See That The Economy Is Improving And We're Just Excited That Our Area, Especially Dunk City Has Some Recognition Nationally As Well. Thank You.

Thank You.

Thank You Commissioner Manning. Next Item Will Be Ceremonial By Commissioner Mann.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman. This Resolution Honors The Salvation Army For All The Work They've Done. This Is Particularly Appropriate That We Recognize You Guys For -- Whereas A Love For God And A Desire To Help Others Is The Motivation Behind The Men And Women Of The Salvation Army And Whereas The Salvation Army In Lee County Florida Provides Much More Than Spiritual Counseling And Basic Human Necessity To The Needy And Hurting On A Daily Basis. And Whereas The Salvation Army Works As A Symbol Of Compassion. And Whereas The Salvation Army Provides It's Services To People In Need Without Regard Too Race, Color, Sex, Or Age. Now Be It Resolves That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida Does Here By Proclaim May 13th-19th 2013 As Salvation Army Week In Lee County And Urges All Our Citizens To Join Us In Honoring The Dedicated Men And Women Who Work Or Volunteer For This Fine Organization And Touch The Lives Of So Many Dated This Day And Signed By Our Chairman

Cecil Pendergrass. Thank You And God Bless You For All The Work That You Do.

[Applause] And Our Neighbors Here In Lee County, We're Able This Past Year To Serve Over 35,000 Individuals. That's A Miracle In And Of Itself. And You're Right; The Need Has Risen Over The Last Several Years. But One Thing That I Have Found To Be True About Our Community Is That When We Know The Need, We Being The Citizens Of Lee County, When We Know The Need We Will Meet The Need. That Has Been The Truth For The Last Several Years, Even Through The Darkest Of Days. There's A Wonderful Sense Of Belonging Here In Lee County And In Our Community. And People Really Do Want To Make A Difference. And So It Is An Honor To Serve Here, To Serve God Here In This Wonderful Community Of Lee County -- November 27th, I Believe In 1954 Made A Proclamation That This Particular Week Every Week Would Be National Salvation Army Week Because Of The Service Of The Salvation Army Alongside Our Soldiers In World War II. If We Can Somewhere Do Half Of What That Generation Has Done, I Think We'll See Every Day Grow Brighter And Brighter As The Days Go Along. So Thank You Very Much. God Bless Each And Every One Of You.

[Applause]

Mr. Chairman, As He's Leaving Let Me Just Point Out Something Most People Already Know. Our Critically Important Triage Center Would Not Function Without The Partnership Of The Army. So One More Special Shout Out And Thank You For All You Do There. Thank You.

Thank You.

We Have No Items Of Recap. Next We Have Public Comment On The Consent Of Public Agenda. I Have A Few Blue Cards. You Will Have Three Minutes To Come Up And Speak On A Consent Administrative Agenda. The First Speaker Is Greg.

I Looked At Today's Meeting Agenda And Didn't See The Sun Core Issue On There.

It's On The Carryover.

I Live In North Fort Myers. I'm The President Of The North Fort Myers Civic Association. And I'm Here To Request That The Board Of County Commissioners Approve The Human Services Consent Agenda With The Item Dealing With The Sun Coast Roads. I'd Like To Have You Adopt The Donated Road Ways To Authorize The Funding And Usage Of Anticipated Community And Developed Funding To Bridge

The Roads Up To County Standards And Allow For Their Future Paving. These Subject Roads Have A Flooding History. Thank You.

Thank You, Greg. Next Speaker Is Clay.

I'm Representing Jamaica Bay. We Are Here To Request Approval Of Agenda Item 13 Wherein The Lee County Utilities And My Client Jamaica Bay Will Be Seeking A Fifth Amendment To The Agreement Of Temporary Emergency Services To Lee County Utilities. Jamaica Bay Is A 1300 Plus Unit Community South Of Town Which Connected To Forest Utilities In 2007 In Order To Obtain Waste Water Services. After Connection To Forest, Problems Were Immediate In That The System Was Not Able To Convey The Waste Water Flows From Jamaica Bay To The Forest. There Were Three Near Spills In 2008 That Required Jamaica Bay To Divert On Emergency Basis To Lee County Utilities. That Diversion Was Not Only Our Insis Stance Because Of The Problem, But Also At The Insistence To Avoid A Sewage Spill. I Sent A Letter Yesterday To All Commissioners In Response To A Letter We Became Aware Of From Forest Utilities On Friday. On Which They, On The Basis Of Financial Hardship Are Urging The County Not To Renew The Emergency Connection Agreement That Had Been Done Four Times Previously. The System That's In Place Now Cannot Transmit The Permitted Flows. In Fact, It's Not Capable Of Doing Half Of What It's Supposed To Do. We're Currently In Litigation With Forest Utilities Seeking To Terminate The Agreement To Allow Us To Connect On A Permanent Basis To Lee County Utilities In Order To Protect The Public Health, Safety And Welfare. And At This Point, We Need To Have The Commission Approve The Fifth Amendment To Allow Us To Remain Connected To Lee County's Until We Can Either Receive A Ruling From The Court After Trial Or Come To Some Arrangement To Fix The System. Because The System That's In Place Now Does Not Function And Has Not Been Corrected. I'd Be Happy To Answer Any Questions Anyone May Have.

Thank You.

Next Is Bill. Good Morning, Bill.

Good Morning. I'm Here To Say A Few Words On Carryover Item Number 3. This Was The 2020 Ordinance Amendment That Had Been On Your Agenda Last Week. I'm Serving On The Committee This Year But I'm Speaking Just For Myself Today. I Do Support Nearly Everything In This Ordinance. I Think It's A Good Step Forward That Results From Input Of A Lot Of People Over The Last Couple Years. I Know You Don't Have A Public Hearing On This Today. You're Only Gonna Have One Hearing Though. If You Don't Do Something, I Think You're Gonna Have Difficulty

At The Public Hearing Making A Decision. On Page 6, There's One Sentence That's Problematic. It Says That Committee Members Are Prohibited From Doing Business With The Board Of County Commissioners And It's Departments. That Sounds Fine. It Was About Buying And Selling Land And The Conservation Of 2020. The State Code Of Ethics Has A Whole Body Of Rules. One Part Of It Does Apply To Me, But If This Language Gets Adopted As It Stands Today And You Read That Literally And We Should Be Able To Read Our Laws Literally, Some Utility Members Won't Be Able To Pay Their Bill To Lee County Utilities. Buying A Book From A County, Doing Business. It's Obvious That That Wasn't; It's Nonsensical. Your Office Received Some Correspondence -- They've Been Claiming That This Is In The State Ethics Code Already And It's Nothing New. I Disagree With What Based Upon What The Law Says. All Five Of You Would Be Under That Rule To And Your Key Staff, Your Advisory Committee Members And That Would Be True All Over The State. Obviously That Nonsensical Would Not Be Allowed To Stand. Nobody Would Enforce It That Way. That Would Be Silly That You Asked Your Legal Staff To Draw An Alternative Sentence. We're Talking About One Sentence For You To Consider Your Public Hearing. I Suggested A Number Of Alternatives. I Think The Easiest One Would Merely Be To Put In The Ordinance That There Are Prohibitions -- That's As Simple As You Can Get. Paraphrasing A Complex Body Of Law Into One Sentence Is Gonna Cause All Kinds Of Negative Effects For Any People That Are Willing To Serve On This Committee Through Time. Thank You.

Thank You.

At This Time I Have No Other Cards. We'll Close Public Comment. Commissioner Manning?

Believe It Or Not, Mr. Chairman, 13-A.

Commissioner Kiker?

13-C.

I Have None. Commissioner Mann?

None.

Commissioner Hall?

Yes, 1-A.

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

Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. Commissioner Manning, We'll Start With You.

Yes, Mr. Chairman I Have Read Both Sides Of This Issue. I Know What's Gone On For Maybe Six, Seven Or Eight Years. If You Could Just Put On The Record What We're Trying To Accomplish Here Today, That Would Be Good For Me. My Original Intent Was To Ask For Referral Of This Issue So We Could Get Into What's Going On Here. My Understanding Is That The Forest Upgraded Their Waste Water Treatment Plan From 500 M. G. D. To 800 M. G. D. At A Cost Of Whatever The Dollar Amount Was To Accommodate Jamaica Bay. I Know There Is Litigation Ongoing In This Matter. And It Worries Me That We're Taking The Stance One Way Or The Other Even Though It's A Temporary, Again, Agreement That Expires In May Of 14. I Need Some Guidance On This One Before I Take Any Positive Action Here.

Pam Keys, Utility Director. I Appreciate The Opportunity To Talk About This Issue. This Has Been Long, Ongoing Issue Between Two Private Companies. Our Stance On It Is That We Were Asked To Have A Temporary Connection And We're There To Serve. We Did Not Have An Interest In Either Outcome, Either Jamaica Bay Going To Forest Or Them Coming And Staying With Lee County Utilities. We Are Anxious For A Decision. However, It's In The Courts And It's My Understanding That They Will Be Discussing That And Trying To Resolve That Issue This Summer.

The Trial Date Is Set For July 13th, I Believe.

I Believe So. Let Me Ask The Attorney's A Question. If Anybody's Up On This One. Us Making A Decision Today, Does That Cause A Problem With Respect To The Court Case?

No, Not In Any Way. It's Just A Continuation Of The Temporary Arrangement While This Dispute Is Resolved.

I'm Reluctant, Mr. Chairman To Go Forward With This One. But I Will Listen To Other People Who May Be Involved.

Any Other Discussion On The Item?

Mr. Chairman, I've Had A Thorough Briefing. I Presume All Of Us Have. It's A Nasty, Sticky -- But I Was Comfortable With The Direction They Were Taking Us To Move Forward After Waiting And Seeing What The Courts Do. Now I Think This Keeps The Water Running, Which Is Important. I'm Ok. But Curious About Close Follow Up.

Any Other Discussion?

I'll Move The Item.

I Just Think --

Second.

Deferral For A Week, If I May Mr. Chairman.

I'm Sorry. Is That What Your Hope Is For One Week?

So I Can Get An Understanding Of The Issues Involved Here.

I Think We're Coming Close To The End Of Our Contractual Period. I'm Not Sure Additional Information We Could Provide To You Regarding This Private Issue.

Could I Get Together With You, Pam?

Absolutely.

If There's Nothing To Lose In A Week, I Would Second His Motion To Defer For One Week.

Any Other Discussion?

Appreciate It.

Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Deferred. Next Item, Commissioner Hall. 13-C?

That's Commissioner Kiker.

I'm Sorry. Commissioner Kiker?

Thank You, Mr. Chairman. This Should Be Simple. But The Range That You're Asking Us To Approve Goes From 825,000 To 1. 5 Million. I Was Hoping Y'all Could Riddle It Down A Little Closer Than 45% Range And What It Might End Up Being. Is There A Reason Why It Seems To Be Kind Of Out Of Line.

I Appreciate The Question. This Is A Product. First Of All, Our First Goal Is Trying To Add A Product To Our Existing Contract. This Is A Product That We Had Been In Pilot Testing For Over 12 Months To Insure That It Was Going To Meet Our Needs. To We Have Been Working With Them To Provide This Product To Us. We're Now Satisfied That This Is Important For Us And Will Meet Our Needs. The Different Of The Amount Is For The Purchase Of That Product. So It's Within Our Current Budget Because We Were Purchasing It. However, Through The Negotiations The Purchase Price Increased And We Also Want To Have The Ability To Use The Product More Widespread If Needed. This Is An Estimated Expenditure Based On What We Know Today. But That Is For This New -- This Is A Continuation Of A Product That We're Currently Using.

Ok. That Answers All My Questions.

Mr. Chairman, I Had This Written Also To Pull Mostly Because It Was Almost Double The Expense From Last Year. And I Need A Little Better -- Doubling In A Recession When Everyone's Prices Have Been Holding Or Even Going Down.

The Price Did Not Double.

Is It The Volume? Did I Just Hear You Say You Were Gonna Use This More Than You Had Been?

We Plan To. We Plan That We Might Use It More. Because In Our Pilot Program, We Just Used It In Certain Cases To Make Sure That It Would Work For Those Cases. The Price Did Not Double. We Were Already Purchasing This Product Under A Different Contract. Now We're Trying To Fold It Into This Contract And That's Why We're Asking For An Increased Expenditure For This Contract.

Ok, Still. Try To Make Me Understand. This Is Hydrogen Peroxide We're Talking About.

This Is Actually A New Product. We Do Have Already A Contract For Hydrogen Peroxide. But The New Product Is A New Product They Were Developing. That's

Why We Were Doing A Pilot Program With Them.

And We Use It For?

Odor Control.

And Instead Of Using It At One -- Do You Want To Help? Is This A Volume Issue? That's What I'm Trying To Get A Simple Answer Here.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Just To Supplement What Ms. Keys Has Said, This Has Been An Ongoing Program For Us. We've Been Trying To Get Odor Control Under Control. [Laughter]

We Have Tried A Variety Of Methodologies. What We Have Come Up With Is That This Is The Best Approach For Us For A Variety Of Different Work Reasons. It Basically Is A Proprietary Product. We Have Been Purchasing The Product Via A Waiver. That Waiver Is Going Away. They Can't Honor That Contract That We Had On The Waiver Anymore. So We Had To Put It On To This Other Manatee Contract. It's Available Under That Manatee Contract. And The Pricing Is Static. It Has Not Changed. We're Simply Taking Something That We've Been Buying For The Past Year Or So And Putting Into The Lisations.

Another Contract That Provides For Twice As Much Expenditure As It Was The Last Contract. I Keep Hearing -- It's A Different Contract But The Number Is \$1. 5 Million Instead Of \$850,000. I'm Trying To Figure Out Why It's Twice As Much Money If It's The Same Contract.

It Is Not.

Different Contract. I Understand That. And We Doubled The Price Just About.

No, We Have Not. The Prices Stay Static. We're Buying The Same Amount. The Expenditure Is Basically Static. We Were Spending This Much Over Here Under The Waiver. That Is Going Away. In Order To Get It And Continue To Get It Is Through This Manatee Contract. And It Is On The Manatee Contract. So Basically We Were Spending \$1. 5 Million In Total Under Two Separate Contracts. We're Simply Consolidating It Under One Contract Now.

Thank You. You Ok With That, Commissioner Kiker?

I Am.

I'll Second Your Motion. [Laughter]

Congressman -- No Objection, Motion Carries. Commissioner Hall?

Yes. Pam, Can You -- There You Are. Just For The Record, I Want To Make Sure That We Funded The Sanibel Boat Ramp And Had Funding Left Over From That. So Rather Than Just Take That Funding And Put It Back Into Beach And Shoreline, The T. D. C. Board Is Recommending That We Take Those And Go Ahead And Add Projects In Addition To What We've Already Put In There? Explain To Me What We're Doing.

Not Exactly. Close, But Not Exactly. These Are All Approved Projects, Previously Approved Projects Through The Beach And Shoreline Process. The Boat Ramp Project Had A Fund Balance At The End. For The Most Part, We Do A Really Good Job Of Estimating How Much Fund Is Going In For A Project. But Occasionally, The Numbers Don't Come In Exactly Like You Think They're Going To. It Had Approximately \$315,000 Left Over. The City Has Asked Permission To Allocate Additional Funds To Two Projects. The First One Is The Lighthouse Restroom. They're Asking 214 Or Almost \$215,000 For That One Project. And Then \$60,000 Will Be Back To The Beach And Shoreline Reserve. They're Saying This Project Finished Under Project, These Two Projects Are Gonna Be Overbudget May We Transfer The Funds Between These All Three Approved Projects.

We Have A Process That We Go Through, A Competitive Process For These Programs. These Are Worthy Projects, But It's More The Process That We're Concerned About. When We Have A Project That We've Estimated Is \$215,000 Over, That's A Lot Of Money. So Have You Seen Why It's Over?

Well, I Think, Again Some Of These Projects Have Been On The Books For A Little Bit Of Time. Codes Have Changed, Standards Have Changed. It's Hard For Me To Speak To The Product Individually. But In Generalization, Those Restroom Projects Ended Up Being Excessively More Expensive Than Originally Anticipated. This Allows Sanibel To Finish That Project. Exact Same Plan, Just A Higher Cost Because Of The Code Issues.

I Guess That's My Question Is Why Didn't This Just Go Right Into That Process? Do We Consistently, If A Town Or Anyone Gets Excess Funds, Do We Allow Them To Hold Those Funds And Reallocate Them Without Going In The System?

Again, Has It Happened Before, Yes It's Happened Before. Previously We Have Allocated Funds From One Project To Another. Is It A Common Occurrence, I Would Say No. I Would Say It's A Rare Occurrence.

I'm Gonna Support This, Mr. Chairman. But This Sets A Precedent Of Overages And Underages. Obviously We Don't See The, Unless We Request It, The Extent Of Overages And Underages. Again, No Issue With The Project. I'm More Concerned Of If We're Gonna Have These Amendments, Why. Timing, We're There With The Timing. I Really Would Like Us To Have A Policy From The T. D. C. What Scares Me Is Just Because We Have Money In The Account Doesn't Mean We Should Spend It All. There Were Many Legislative Findings Again Through The T. D. C. Shoreline. I Think Most Of Them Were Very Appropriate. If We Have To Make Legislative Findings, Why Don't We Just Change The Process So We Don't Have To Do That In The Future. If Those Are Really Legitimate Expenses, Let's Make Them Legitimate Expenses Without Having Legislative Findings. When People Apply, They're Throwing Against The Law And Hoping Someone Will Find A Legislative Findings. It Doesn't Really Meet The Criteria But Let Me See. And That's Been A Concern Of Mine For The Last Five Years. I'd Really Like To Have This Board Review Those Policies And Procedures As Well And Make A Recommendation Back To The T. D. C. As Well. I'm Just Seeing, We Get A Lot Of Rhetoric From A Lot Of Our Cities About Beach And Shoreline. And A Lot Of People Don't Understand, For The Most Part, That Beach And Shoreline Goes For Capitol Projects. Not Sand On The Beach, Not Beach Monitoring And Those Kinds Of Things. We Need Structures On The Beach To Support Our Tourists. But I Think A Little More Dialogue At This Level Communicates To The Public Where All Of That Is Going. So What Do We Have, \$7 Million Plus Dollars In Beach And Shoreline Grants For Beach Re-Nourishment. \$7 Million Went Out For Many Projects On The Beach. Some Of It Beach Re-Nourishment, Some Of It Monitoring. A Majority Of It Went To That. And 25% Went To These Capitol Projects. Again, I'd Just Like To Have A Little More How Excess Funds Get Processed And How Do We Deal With Projects That Go Over. We Have Some Of That As Well. And Having It Be Transparent And Having It Come Back Through This Board Where We Have Kind Of A Policy Of How We're Gonna Deal With That.

Any Overages Have Always Come Back To This Board.

I Understand That. I'll Make A Motion To Approve And Ask The T. D. C. Chair To Kind Of Look At That.

Commissioner Hall Makes The Motion, Commissioner Mann Makes The Second.

I Was Gonna Begin With A Second. Quite Frankly, This One Came Through Before We Went Through The Process.

It Did.

And There Was A Complete Discussion On It. However, This Year As A Little Bit Different In As We Ended Up With Some Extra Money. My Hat's Off To The T. D. C. They Did A Thorough Job. There's A Couple Others That We Need To Review As Well. I Certainly Would Like To Go Back To T. D. C. And Ask Them To Make Some Suggestions On That Process. I Think It's Time We Review It, Re-Look At It And Bring Something To The Board.

We Did It Five Years Ago, And I Just See Us Sliding Again. So We Need To Reboot. So Maybe It's Time.

We'd Be Happy To Bring That Process Back Here For Review.

We'll Bring It Up To T. D. C. Next Meeting. Thank You Very Much.

Any Other Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objection? Motion Carries. Next Item Would Be Administrative Agenda. We Have One Item.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

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

Why Does An Item Like This End Up On The Administrative Agenda? This Is For Somebody Down Here. We Had Multimillion Dollar Issues Routinely On Consent Agenda. I Got This One That Doesn't Seem To, We're Arguing Over \$4,000 Versus \$6,000 In Savings. What Makes This Worthy Of Administrative Consideration When We're About To Move It Instantly Any Ways?

Since We Have Been Scrutinizing All Budgets And Public Safety And We're Been Talking About The Capital Needs In Public Safety, We Just Wanted To Bring More Public Attention To It.

Thank You For Doing That. I'm Certainly In Favor Of The Motion.

Any Other Discussion?

No Discussion, Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries 5-0.

Didn't Even Get A Chance To Come To The Podium For The First Time. But Welcome. [Laughter]

Next, Public Hearings. At This Time, We'll Have Public Hearing Number One.

Good Morning. I Have Actually All Five Of Your Public Hearing Items. I'm Going To Enter All The Affidavits Into The Record At One Time. These Are Petitions To Vacate. The First Petition To Vacate Is Located At 8861 Woodgate Drive In South Fort Myers.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Mann Make -- Any Other Discussion?

Public Comment.

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

The Second Public Hearing Is For Vacation Of Unimproved By-Way For East Parkway And Two 20 Feet Wide Alleys.

Motion To Approve, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Kiker Seconds. Any Public Comment On Public Hearing Number Two? Hearing None, Any Discussion From The Board? No Discussion, Any Objection? Motion Carries.

This Is A Petition To Vacate For Tech Road And 20 Foot Wide Alley As Shown In The Northeast Section.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Kiker Seconds. Public Comment On Public Hearing Number Three? Hearing None, Come Back To The

Board For Discussion. Any Discussion From The Board? No Discussion, Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries. Public Hearing Number Four?

This Is The Request To Vacate A 12 Foot Wide Drainage In Lehigh Acres.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Kiker Seconds. Any Comments From The Public, Public Hearing Number Four? No Comments, Any Discussion From The Board? Hearing None, Any Objections? No Objection, Motion Carries 5-0. Public Hearing Five?

Request To Vacate A 12' Wide -- Located At 2617 30th Street Southwest Lehigh Acres.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Manning Moves The Item, Commissioner Kiker Makes Second. Any Public Comment? Any Discussion From The Board? No Discussion From The Board, Any Objections? No Objection, Motion Carries. At This Time We Move To Carry-Ons, Walk Ons. Carryover Item Number One?

I'll Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion.

I'll Go Ahead And Second. I'd Just Like For Jim To Give Us A Recap. We Had A Lot Of, I Had A Lot Of Calls From Media. I Don't Know If You All Had The Same Calls. They Caught Me Coming And Going. I Think What's Disappointing Is That Not All -- We Don't Live In A Perfect World. And Through These Hard Times And These Recessions We Have, I Think, Done An Excellent Job In Our Commitment To This Community With The Infrastructure Investment That We've Had In The Past That Have Come To Fruition Including Our Airport I-75 Water Utilities That We Have An Opportunity To Diversify Our Economy. I Think The Perfect Example Is Having A Headquarters Located Here. Over The Last Five Years, We've Reached Out To Various Companies To Consolidate, To Expand Here And To Bring Them New Here. Creating Jobs And Creating Opportunities For Our Highly Educated Residents To Our Students Who Are Graduating To Have An Opportunity To Have High Wage Jobs. And Jim, I Guess Inner Source Link Is An Example. To A Buy Out And A Reformation. We've Had Other Grants, Other Incentives That Companies Have Had To Pay Back Because Their Program Didn't Work Or There Were Changings --

Changes In Their Structure That Nobody Wrote About. We Have Existing Over 200 Jobs And Over 50 New Jobs To Come At Above Average Wage Is Still In Our Target Zone Of Salaries. So With That Kind Of Introduction, Can You Kind Of Just Give Us A Snapshot Of Where We're At And What Their Goals And Objectives Are And What They're Doing For Business? I Think That's Really Helpful. I Had About Four Or Five Calls From Residents. After Going Through This Process And Explaining To Them, They Were Very Encouraged And Very Supportive Of Us Holding On And Looking For An Opportunity To Apply For A Job There. So If You Can Kind Of Give Us The Highlights.

Thank You, Commissioner. Honestly, I Couldn't Have Articulated A Preamble To My Comments Better Than You Did. I Will Only Add, All Of You I Think Have Been In Business. I Don't Know Any Business That Goes Straight Up On A Straight Line. People Are Constantly Reinventing Themselves And Trying To Do The Best Job That They Can. This Is A Company That's In The Media Business. The Media Business Is Changing. We're All Aware Of It. Newspapers And Printed Material Are Becoming Less Important As Part Of The Media Future As Opposed To Digital Offerings. This Company Is Headed In That Direction. Like Other Media, Staffing Is Being Reduced. That Is A Reflection -- The Ship Set A New Course And They Changed Direction. They Will Be A Leaner Company Going Ahead. They Are A Good Corporate Citizen Of Lee County. We Are Glad To Have Them Here. They Participate In Civic Affairs. They Support Activities In The Community. And They Want To Fulfill Their Commitment To Lee County. They're Asking For No More Money. They're Saying They're Willing To Earn The Money That's Already Been Given Them. They Will Bring Jobs Here To Fulfill That Commitment Under This Agreement That Otherwise Would Not Have Been Brought Here. And It Seems To Me, My Position Is That's A Good Thing For Lee County. We Are About The Business Of Creating Jobs That Are Of High Wage And High Value And A Salary That Hopefully Improves Our Economy. They Have Signed A New Agreement. It Has Been Written In A Disciplined Way That Contemplates -- Drafted This Agreement. I Think It Protects Lee County's Interest. I Think It Assures Us That If They Do Not Do What They Have Represented They Will Do, That We Can Recover Those Funds. It Is A Company Of Substance. I Have Last Year's Audit. Their New Audit Is In Draft Form. But They Report To Me That They Should Receive An Unqualified Unconditional Opinion. They're A Multi-Million Dollar Company With Assets On Hand That Would Easily Allow Them To Repay This. There May Have Been Other Methodologies That We Could Have Pursued. I Thought This Was Fair And Equitable Trying To Work With These Folks. So I Encourage Your Support Of This.

Mr. Chairman, I Just Want To Thank Our County Attorney For Addressing The

Concerns That I Had. The Agreement Very Specifically Lays Out What The Reports Will Provide. And I'm Very Comfortable With That Information Being Consistent. Thank You For Typing Us That Language. As You Know, I Was The One Who Asked For It To Be Deferred. So My Concerns Have Been Addressed. And I Think The Language Is Explicit Where No One Will Wonder What They Need To Submit To Us. So Thank You.

Thank You. I Would Like To Say Jim, Thank You For Your Work On This. I Thank Your Staff. It Will Obviously Get The Full Message Out To The Public.

Mr. Kiker?

Unfortunately, I'm Not Going To Be Supporting The Motion. I Think There's Three Options In Here. Had We Gone To The Third One, I'd Have Been A Lot More Happy With That One. I Appreciate That This Company Did Change Their Business Model. I Will Think That In Anticipation Of The \$250,000 Commitment And Our Liability In This Case That They Would Consider That As A Major Decision. When You Sign A Contract, You Finish The Terms Of That Contract. And In This Case, I Don't Think That Happened. I Don't Think We Should Shut The Door On This Company Or Any Other Company. Option Three Allows For That Company To Pay Back The \$250,000 In Writing The Agreement. And I Think That Sends A Clear Signal To Folks As They Come Forward For This Program. There's A Reason That We Write A Contract. We Are Making A Commitment And We Expect Them To Do The Same Thing. So On That Pretense, I Would Feel Much More Comfortable If We Were Asking For The Money Back And Going Back Into Another Contract With Them. So I Will Not Be Supporting It. Thank You.

Any Other Discussion From The Board? Any Objection?

I.

One Objection, Motion Carries. Thank You, Carryover Item Number 2.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Mann Seconds. Any Discussion From The Board? No Discussion, Any Objection? Motion Carries. Carryover Item Number 3.

Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Manning Makes The Motion, Commissioner Hall Seconds.
Commissioner Manning, You Have The Floor.

Would You Identify His One Sentence Problem That We Have Here? I've Seen The Correspondence Going Back And Forth.

I'm Sorry To Have To Inundate You With Those E-Mails. I Thought It Was Necessary. The Sentence In Concern, Removing That At This Point I'm At The Point Of Saying Just Strike That Whole Provision Of Subsection One. Just To Give The Board The Background Before Doing That, The Blue Ribbon Committee Had The Two Things They Wanted To Do With A Provision. One, Avoid All The Arguments In The Future That Chapter 112 Prohibition For Doing Business With The County Applied To These Committee Members. It Applies Whether You Have The Statement There Or Not. So With That, It's Not Worth Anybody's Attention Anymore. We Can Strike That. It's Not Gonna Change The Rules. It's Not Gonna Do Anything. It Will Just Get Rid Of The Obvious Attempt To Clarify This Does Apply To You.

Does The Board Have Any Objection To Amending The Motion To Strike That One Sentence On Page 6?

I Think What I'd Rather Have Is Say That This Committee Will Abide By Chapter 112.

We Have That In --

As Long As That's There And They Can Look It Up, It's The Same Thing. I Thought It Was A Lot Of Redundancy Of The E-Mails Going Back And Forth. I Certainly Understand. One Of The Comments We Get From Many Members Of Our Committees Is That It's Not Their Job To Look Up Statutes. And They'd Like Us To Be More Explicit. In Trying To Do That, Then You Get This. We're Kind Of Caught In This Catch 22 Of Trying To Be Articulate In Our Ordances Where They're Black And White And They Say What They Mean And They Mean What They Say. Rather Than Saying, Get On Your Computer And Look Up That Statute. It Frustrates Me A Little Bit. I've Always Been The Person To Have Let's Let Our Ordinance Say What They Mean And Mean What They Say. I Think It's A Bunch To Do About Nothing. I Only Have One Request To Pull That Out And Numerous People Saying Thank You For Clarifying. I Don't See What The, I'm Not Trying To Be Argumentative. Not One Committee Member Has Called Me And Said Please Pull This Out. My

Committee Members Don't Have Any Issue With It Because They Get It. And New Committee Members Coming On The Board Need To Understand What Their Obligation Is. I Think We've Had Enough Controversy About This That We Need To Be Very Black And White. I Think We Should Just Leave It In And Move Forward. If There's An Issue, We'll Deal With It. But I Don't See The Purpose Of Pulling It Out.

Mr. Chairman?

Commissioner Mann?

We Don't Often Get People Like -- Yes, We Do. But He Is One Of The Best Examples To Volunteer Thousands Of Hours Over The Years To The Welfare Of Lee County In So Many Ways. I Don't Have Any Problem With What He's Suggesting. In Fact, I Have A Problem With Not Exceeding To His Wishes Here. And I Want To Tell You About Ethics And The Ethics Commission And How Easy It Is For Any Citizen Under The Weakest Undocumented Excuses To File A Complaint And Have Honest To Goodness Really Topnotch Citizens Struggle Through 18 Months Of Hearings And Thousands Of Dollars Of Legal Expenses To Defend Themselves Over Something That Seems To Innocuous. And It's Painful And Agonizing, Even After You Get A Unanimous Vote From The Ethics Commission Saying There Was Never Anything Done Wrong Here. It's A Terrible, Agonizing Experience. And I Am Very Sympathetic With Our Good Volunteers Who Don't Want To Accidentally Get Caught Up In Something. So The Extent We Can Relieve That, I Totally Support It. And I'm Hoping We Can Go With Your Suggestion There.

I'm Not Clear On What You're Suggesting.

Take It Out, The Unhappy Language. Isn't That Where You Were Headed Commissioner Manning?

Yes.

Because As Counsel Has Said, We're Probably Covered Thoroughly Any Way With Existing Language. I Want My Volunteers Happy.

So The Motion Should Be Amended To Include The Removal Of That One Sentence On Page 6. I'll Make That Amendment.

Just To Be Clear, There's No Need For The Rest Of That Sentence. I'll Remove The

Whole Number One Provision.

Ok.

I'm Seconding Whatever That Requires.

Do You Want Me To Read It?

No.

So It Will Come Back To The Public Hearing In That Form? I Think That Assumption Is Always Understood. Thank You Though For The Clarification.

I Appreciate The Opportunity To Go Through The Ethics Process, Commissioner Mann. I'm With You. I Know How Painful That Is. Thank You For Giving Me That Opportunity.

Any Objection To The Amended Motion?

Yeah.

Motion Carries 4-1.

Carryover Item Number 4.

I'll Second The Motion.

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

None.

Commissioner Kiker?

None.

Commissioner Mann?

Yes, Mr. Chairman. I Didn't Have The Chance To Advance Notice Anybody. This Just Occurred Yesterday. We Had A Meeting Of The M.P.O. Executive Committee.

They Only Meet Once, About Four Times A Year If That Or At The Call Of The Chair. I Am The Representative On That M.P.O. Executive Committee. I Believe Only Because I Was -- We Never Got Around To Changing It And Moving Me Off.

I Think You're Doing A Good Job.

I'm Doing A Great Job. I Missed The Meeting Yesterday. There Was A Huge Sense Of Guilt. I Would Like To Nominate Our Present Chairman To Serve As The Lee County Designated For The M.P.O. Executive Committee. And I Would Please Like My Colleagues To Support The Motion.

In That Case, Forget It.

I'd Be Happy To Do It. Thank You, Commissioner Mann.

That's A Motion.

Second.

Any Objection?

No Objections.

All Right, Thank You. Commissioner Hall, Do You Have Any?

Yes, I'm Excited. We Have A New Art Display In My Office. Allen Is Our Artist. And It's His Desire To Share The Beauty That We See In The World And Take Them To Details That Might Otherwise Be Overlooked. His Prints In My Office Are Open To The Public. I Hope They All Stop In And Take A Look At This Very Gifted Artist. Allen, Thank You For Sharing Your Gift With My Office And Those Who Will Come By To See Them.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman. Friday I Won't Be At The M.P.O. Meeting, I'll Be At The Gulf Consumption Meeting Representing Lee County.

Thank You For Doing That. I Have One Request For The Board To Ask About.

Committee Appointments, Commissioner Manning?

I Have One New Appointment To The Affordable Housing Committee.

Second.

Commissioner Hall Makes The Second. Any Discussion? No Discussion, Any Objections? No Objection. Commissioner Kiker?

None.

I Have None, Commissioner Mann?

I Have Four, Mr. Chairman. And Michael Ryan To The Palm Beach Boulevard --

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

Yes, I Have One Reappointment Of Michael Meyer.

Second.

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

Yes, Commissioners We're Going To Take This Time To Provide The Legislative Session Wrap Up With Keith Arnold And Sarah Blakely.

Good Morning, Commissioners. We Do Have Our State Lobbying Team Here This Morning To Give You A Very Brief Wrap Up On This Year's Session. Thanks To A Strong Delegation And Commissioners, All Of Your Work, We Were Able To Positively Influence A Number Of Important Issues. Medicaid Cost Share, The T. D. C. Local Bill, Fertilizer Preemption And A Host Of Other Issues. Quick Thanks To The Chair For His Guidance During The Session. We'll Ask Sarah Blakely To Kick Things Off And She'll Be Followed By Keith Arnold. Thank You.

Thank You, Commissioners. Let Me See If I Can Set The Tone For The 2013 Session From A Local Government's Perspective. In Tallahassee, State Revenues Were Up From The Recession Years. The Governor And The Legislature Had The Benefit Of The Improved Statewide Economy. As A Consequence Of That, They Were Busy Producing A State Budget That Set A Record Of \$74. 5 Billion. That Whole Process That They Used To Develop That Budget Made Them Focus On Spending Taxpayer's Money. But Local Governments Were Always In Their

Periphery. So I wanted to talk today about four issues that were on their legislative agenda and of the 1,846 bills that were passed -- 1,848 bills were introduced showing the focus on the budget. 286 of those passed. I gave you a list of all those bills to show you the breadth of the issues that the legislature deals with. I want to focus on four issues that are of importance to Lee County. The first one is the Medicaid cost share that Glen talked about. In this session, the legislature and the governor wanted to reduce the bureaucracy both at the state and local level associated with the Medicaid cost share portion that local governments, counties pay for Medicaid costs provided to county residents. Also, they were looking to change the way the state reimburses Medicaid costs to the providers. And with that process in place, there was really not room for the county cost share current system to be included in that Medicaid reimbursement system that they have developed over the last three years and concentrated on this session. The legislature took a look at the Medicaid cost share and along with the governor, recommended scrapping our current system which relies on bills that the counties each get for in-patient hospital services and nursing home services provided to county residents. Instead of continuing that system, they have gone to a formula that's actually expressed in the statute. Each county will pay a percentage of the whole over 12 months. That percentage of the whole is applied to a based amount that the legislature set. The legislature set it for next year at a rate of \$269 million. Which sounds like it is a lot of money. But that is the exact amount that the legislature had estimated was going to be collected this year. Over the following couple of years, the second year they increased it to \$277 million. Which is less than what's estimated to be produced. In the following years they let it ride with the growth and state Medicaid. The formula that they came up with is based in the initial couple of years based on what we've been paying utilization. And over the following seven years, they transition away from the current amount that we're paying into a formula that's based on the number of Medicaid enroll -- the effect on Lee County should not be great. Our costs will go up because the revenue estimating conference had estimated that they were gonna go up. Our share is very much in line with what we've been paying on this historic basis. Overall, there shouldn't be much effect on Lee County taxpayers. And again with the legislature's hope that there will be a reduction in bureaucracy both at the state and local level. The second issue I wanted to talk about was the communication services tax. Or C. S. T. As we affectionately call it in Tallahassee. There were numerous bills filed on the communication services tax this past session. None of those bills passed. But one of them is worth mentioning here because the effect it would have on Lee County taxpayers. The communication service's tax is a tax on all users,

Residents And Commercial Entities. Everything From Your Cell Phone To Cable Television And All The Things In Between There. The Law Provides For A Statewide Rate For The Legislature That Sets It. And Their Revenues Go To Fund Their General Revenue Fund And A Part Of It Is Pledgeable. So It's A Very Important Source Of Revenue For Them. At The Local Level, There Is A Local Option C. S. T. The Cities May Levy It In The Incorporated Area And The County Can Levy It In The Unincorporated Area. For The 2012 On Impact Fee Enforcement On Non-Residential Development. Various Bills During The Session Had Ability Of The Board Of County Commissioners To Override That Moratorium And State Law Based On Different Levels Of Approval By The Board Of County Commissioners. There Was Strong Support For That Bill. But At The End Of The Session, Like A Lot Of Those Other 1846, It Didn't Make It Through The Process. The Final Issue That I Wanted To Talk About Is House Bill 999. Glen Alluded To This Bill Because It Was At One Point The Vehicle For The Fertilizer Preemption For Ordinance Preemption Provision. That Was Removed In The Senate. But The Bill Did Pass. And It's Full Of Other Things, Mostly Related To Environmental Permitting. We Worked Really Hard On A Couple Of Issues That Were Important To Lee County To Reach Compromise With The Industry And Make That Work For Lee County. One Of Those Issues Relates To Water Well Permitting. The Bill Preempts Water Well Permitting To The Water Management Districts. We Secured Language In That Bill That We're Confident Will Allow The Counties To Continue The Water Well Permitting Program It Has Under The Delegated Authority From South Florida Water Management District. The Other Issue That We Worked Really Hard On Compromised Language Related To Solid Waste Recycling At Commercial Properties. The Bill, As Originally Filed, Would Have Imposed Penalties. It Would Have Changed The Law And Imposed Penalties On What The County Is Doing Right Now Pursuant To It's Contract. We Reached Compromise With The Industry By Reiterating Current Law. It Makes Our Job So Much Easier. Thank You.

Just A Quick Question, Thank You Mr. Chairman. The Medicaid Issue, In My View Is Not Over. Is The State In A Position, Or Did They Give You Any Indication That They Would Fix Their Computer System That Hasn't Worked Since It Was Installed 7-8 Years Ago?

No, They're Scrapping That Whole System And We're Going To This Whole New Process. We've Got An Amount Set In The Statute, A Percentage For Lee County To Pay And That's The Way The System Is Gonna Work. The Bill Does However Include A Requirement For The Agency For Healthcare Administration To Report Data So That If We Wanted To Go Back And Get Into The Billing Situation, We Would Have Data To Try To Figure Out A Better Method.

Are They Responsible For Coming Up With Who Is In Lee County And Who Doesn't? Because That Was A Huge Problem.

Yes, It Does.

Thank You.

Thank You, Sarah For All Your Work.

Mr. Chairman, I'd Just Like To Recognize Representative Heather. Thanks For Joining Us This Morning.

Thank You, Sarah. For The Record, Keith Arnold. I Too Want To Thank The Staff. Glen Was A Pleasure To Work With This Year. He Certainly Kept Sarah And I On Task With Weekly Phone Calls And Keeping Us Informed Of Your Weekly Decisions Come Every Tuesday And Various Positions You Would Take On Certain Pieces Of Legislation. He Did Carry Forward One Of Holly's Traits. And That Is He Said For Today Of Course There's 1846 Bills, Make Sure You Cover Them Thoroughly But Quite Succinctly. I Want To Mention Of Course How Much I Enjoyed Working With Sarah Again This Year. Alex, David, And Most Importantly I Want To Brag On Our Legislative Delegation. We've Got A Very Young Legislative Delegation. When You Think About It, Because Of Our Situation Our Two Veterans Right Now Are Both With Two Years Experience. So The Rest Of Our Delegation Is Brand New. And I Think We've Got, Unfortunately A Limited Time With Them. Only Eight Years, But I Think Obviously She Has Her Offices Right Next Door. She Has Been A Pleasure To Work With On These Issues As Well. Glen Asked Me To Cover Two Or Three Issues. And Sarah And I Would Be Happy To Answer Some Questions After That. A Solution That's Good For Floridians And A Situation That's Good For The Federal Government. The Department Of Health And Human Services Will Have To Approve Any Florida Medicaid Expanse Plan. In Terms Of The Issues Left Undone, This Is One That May Come Around. May Come Around In The Context Of A Special Session. Or It May Be Something That The Legislature Chooses To Delve Into In The Next Regular Session. Remember That The Affordable Care Act Does Not, Is Not Implemented Until January 1st Of Next Year. And So At The Worst, We Will Have A Six Month Delay And Some Sort Of Implementation. Assuming The Legislature Moves Forward On Something. Perhaps We Won't Have Anything If The Legislature Does Not. And Certainly Some Additional Reporting Requirements And Ethics Requirements On The Part Of Local Government Officials. As Those Go To Rule Implementation. We'll See More Clearly What The Department Would Suggest

That We Need To Do. But There Will Be At Least Some Role For You To Play In Implementing Some Ethics Rules And Regulations And Perhaps More Importantly Some Classes For Constitutional Officers Here At The Local Level. There Were Many Preemption Bills And 1846 Bills. Every Single One Of Them Effects Local Government In Some Way. And Certainly Many More Severely Than Others. Sarah Spoke Of A Couple Of Them, The Fertilizer Bill, The Impact Fee Restrictions. There Was Another Restriction Contained In House Bill 7121. That Dealt With How, Among Other Things, It Was A Bill That Did Not Pass. It Dealt With How You Establish Your Bus Lines And Bus Lanes And Bus Stops. It Really Died In It's Own Weight In The Final Minutes Of The Legislative Session. House Bill 7141 Is An S. U. S. Bill, State University System Bill.

It Did Not Pass This Year. Right Now You Have The Ability To Engage In A Dialogue If You Will. I Clearly Would Encourage You To Do So. I Think This Is A Moving Target. Certainly President Bradshaw Would Like To Come To Some Sort Of Resolution With Each And Every One Of You. I Think The Delegation, In Fairness To Them. They Need To Know And Understand What Would Be Expected Of Them As They Attempt To Fund The Infrastructure Requirements In Tallahassee. Another Preemptive Bill Which Did Not Pass Was Senate Bill 584. These Are The Ones That Sarah And I Were Very Involved In Trying To Either Modify Or Defeat. This Puts A Huge Restriction On Your Conservation 2020 Program. For Every Acre Of Land You Buy, You Need To Contemplate Dissolving Of Yourselves Another Acre Of Land And Making That Land Available For Some Other Commercial Enterprise Or Process. So It In Essence Capped The Number Of Acres That You Could Have In Conservation In Lee County. And It Was Something That We Viewed As Obviously Extremely Punitive. Punitive To The Voters Of This Community Who Voted To Impose On Themselves A Tax For Conservation Purposes. That Bill Did Not Pass. But Again, It's Certain To Come Back. Something That I Think That The Proponents Believe. The Proponents Of This Bill Suggest That There's Too Much Acreage And Conservation Both In States And Local Governments. Incidentally, This Was A Very Similar Approach To The Bill Which Would Allow Golf Courses And State Parks. Which Is Another Way To Commercialize The State Parks. The Legislature Is Looking At Ways To Derive Revenue. The Very One You're Gonna Deal With In The Context, Mr. Chairman Of The M.P.O. And The City Of Fort Myers. And It Deals With How Developers In Fact Engage In That Process. There's Now Gonna Be One Common Standard Across The State. Again, Rules To Be Developed. Rules To Be Implemented. But It's Something That Will Effect Your Procurement Process. It Will Effect Your Development Process. It Will Effect Your Economic Development Process. Unfortunately, It Was The Most Significant Preemptive Bill Which We Really Were Not Able To Defeat This Year. It's One That We Will Hope To Modify

Next Year To The Extent That We Have Problems In It's Implementation. Finally, I Would Just Like To End With A Couple Of Local Issues. The Reinvestment Grant Of \$3 Million Was Funded. Keep In Mind That's Where We Have Funded Over The Last Several Years, The Triage Center. Our Funding Of That, Our Cycle Has Run Out. It Was A Three Year Funding Cycle. So This Year To The Extent We Want To Reapply, Which I Encourage Us To Do. The Department Of Children And Family Will Encourage Us To Do As They Develop Their New R. P. It Very Well May Be That We Still Fit The Qualifications Of That Program. And It Is Subject To A Good Veto. The Governor Has Been Some What Lukewarm On This Program In The Past. So I Want To Suggest Two Things. First Of All, Mr. Chairman, I Think A Letter To The Governor Under Your Signature May Be Warranted In This Particular Case. The Budget Did Arrive On The Governor's Desk Last Thursday. He Has 15 Days To Act. So I Think A Letter From All Of You Suggesting He Not Veto That Is In Order. Secondly, I'd Like To Acknowledge The Chairman Who Specifically Went To Tallahassee A Couple Times To Work On This Issue. He Was Very, Very Successful In Getting This Included In The Budget. Help Was Needed And Appreciated. Thank You For Coming To Tallahassee. Finally, The Bill Effecting The Local T. D. C. Did Pass. That's A Bill That Actually Could Have Been Fairly Contentious At The Local Level. But Really, For Your Work Commissioner Manning And Your Work Commissioner Kiker Brought This Issue To Us Last Year. I Think That We Have An Agreement That Surprisingly All The Local Communities Agree To. I Think That The Governor Obviously Will Sign That. It Is On His Desk, By The Way. With That, Mr. Chairman, Members Of The Commission, Again We Thank You For The Opportunity To Not Only Present Here Today But More Importantly To Represent Your Interest To Work With Our Legislative Delegation On These Issues That Are Important To All Of Us. And We'd Be Happy To Answer Any Questions. Thank You.

Commissioner Hall?

Yeah. Keith, On Your Page 37 Under The Transportation Package, There's -- That's Similar Language To The Advolorem, Isn't It? When We Pushed Back The Conversation On Transit Authority And Putting Together This Marketing Package And The Request For Funds, We're Getting Narrowed Down To Not Really Having Any Pot Of Funds To Do Public Outcry. So I Just Wanted To Verify That That Was Similar Language.

That He Is Absolutely Correct.

They're Being Used To Deal With The Larger Communities Environmental

Challenges.

I Met With The Chris Of The Small County's Association On Several Issues, But Not Specifically This One. Most Particularly We Met On The Restore Issues And Trying To Preserve The Ability To Restore Counties To Have Access To And Discretion With The Restore Funds That Would Come Down. And They Were Very, Very Concerned As You're Keenly Aware Of With The Bill That Ultimately Passed The Legislature Dealing With The North Florida Counties. But You're Right, This Was Really Led By A Couple Of Members In The Legislature. I'm Trying To Recall Who The House Sponsor Was On Hand.

I'm Giving Us A Heads Up That We Have A Year Now To Reach Out Through Florida Association Counties Because They Meet At The Same Time And Try To Talk With Us So We Don't Have Some Crazy Bill That Really Isn't Setting The Objective. That's Really Not A Positive To Them Either As They're Growing. I Guess I'd Like To, Whoever Gets Appointed Legislative This Really Needs To Be Appointed. I Think Commissioner Manning And Myself Will Certainly Touch On It As Well. But I Just Don't Want To See Us Go Backwards. I Want To Correct One Thing, I Don't Want There To Be Confusion With Our Media. We Did A Straw Ballot For 2020.
[Laughter]

Which Is So Important. I Think That's Been How You've Been A Great Juggler Of No Reduction. You've Always Done Such A Phenomenal Job. And I Want To Thank The Chair. I've Heard From Not Only Our Delegation But From Many Other Representatives And Senators What A Pleasure It Was To Work With You. We Had A Good Session. Keith And Sarah, Thank You Again For Your Hard Work And The Progress That Obviously Kept Us Out Of Hot Water And We Maintained. So Thank You Very Much. Thank You, Glen For All Your Help.

Keith, We're More Than Happy To Send One Of The Many 10,000 Letters The Governor Is Gonna Get Asking Him Not To Veto Certain Stuff. And Particularly The Triage Money Which Is Not There Yet, But It's Buried In That \$3 Million. You Said They Requested That And It Was Ultimately Included. So I'm Not Concerned About A Veto If It Was In The Governor's Own Agency's Request.

They Make Their Recommendations To The Government, The Governor Makes His Recommendations To The Legislature.

Well Then I Misunderstood, Was It In The Governor's Final Budget Request?

Not This Year, I Don't Believe. I Can Check That Out And See.

I Understand The Need For The Letter. And I Would So Move Right Now That We Send That Letter.

Second.

Regarding The Public Safety Reinvestment Grant.

I'll Reverify That For You.

Any Discussion About That? Objection To It?

My Question Is Though, Since The \$3 Million Is In The Legislative Budget Right Now, And It Was Y'all's Collective Wisdom Working With Our Delegation That We Make The Application For The Quarter Million That We've Been Get Ing -- It's Critically Important. What Roll Do You See Us Playing, Our Chairman, The Legislative Delegation. How Do We Make Certain That \$250,000 Is There? Because We Need That Program.

I See Us Playing The Roll That Anne Arnold Tells Us To Play. She's Here Somewhere. The Process, As I Understand It, Right Now. -- First Of All, The \$3 Million Always Was A Grant. It Never Was A Specific Line Item Appropriations To Bob James. As You Know, One Year The Legislature Did Fund A Specific Line Item. That Got Vetoed And We Had To Go Back And Get It Refunded. Our Three Years Of That Reinvestment Grant Has Run It's Course. The Legislature Initially Did Not Fund It's Renewal This Year As Well. And We Were Able To Get That Back In The Budget. And E. C. F. Released An R. F. P. Anne Took A Look At The R. P. F. And It Looked Pretty Intrigues And Looked Like We Could Meet The Parameters Of The R. F. P. As Soon As They Put It Out On The Street, They Went Through The R. F. P. And They're In Process Now Of Redrafting Another R. F. P. Anne Can Speak To The Second R. F. P. And The Parameters. But I Think The Issue Is How Do We Make Ourselves Fit Into Those Parameters As Identified By D. C. F. I Think There Will Be A Role For All Of You Collectively To Play. I've Spoken To The Assistant Secretary Of The Department. And They Are Very, Very Interested In Funding This. I've Also Spoke To The Board That Administers These Funds And Some Other Funds, The Chairman Of Which Is Judge Steve Out Of Miami.

We've Been Fighting The Same Battle For The Three Years We've Been Receiving The Money. It's Gonna Be Very Difficult For Us To Find That \$250,000 Locally. If

Not, Impossible. But We Have Made That Point Year After Year That We Save Money And The State Saves Money By The Utilization Of The Triage Center. And It's A Whole Lot Cheaper To Grab These People And Identify Them Here. So We're Gonna Have To Make That Point One More Time. And It's To The State's Advantage. Because In The Long Run, They Save Money. Whatever We Gotta Do, This Remains A Top Priority. Whoever We Have To Shoot, Tell Us Right Now. We'll Paint The Target On Them And Start Pulling The Trigger.

Next Item, County Attorney Items?

We Have None Today. Thank You.

Great, Thank You. Next On The Agenda Is A Brief Presentation By David Bennett.

Good Morning, Commissioner Chairman And Commissioners.

Welcome Back.

Thank You.

My Annual Presentation Includes Both Jail -- I'd Like To Recognize Some Criminal Justice Partners That Are Here Today.

So Fewer People Coming In But Individuals Are Staying In Jail As Long. 19% Increase On Average Length To Stay. Which Brings Us To Our Average Daily Population.

Very Similar Rate To The National Rate For 2005. So Numbers Are Down, The Rates Are Down And As We Take A Look A Little Further At The Jail Population, The Impact Of Some Of The Programs That Have Been Implemented By The Criminal Justice System Agencies Have Definitely Played A Role.

Here You Can See The Trend With Numbers. 3607 Juveniles Admitted Last Year. The Next Few Graphics Are A Comparison Of The Jail Population In 2003 When The Trend Data Presentation Began In 2012. Exactly 300 Prisoner Difference Average Daily Population Between Those Two Periods Of Time. And A Little Difference With Who It Is That's In Jail. On An Average Day Last Year, 57% Of The Individuals In Jail Were Awaiting Trial. 28%, 459 People Had Been Convicted And Were Serving A Sentence. 15% Were In Jail On Some Type Of A Hold. This Number And Percentage Is Done Significantly From 03 And It's A Goal Of The System To Not

Have People In Limbo In Jail But To Have Whatever It Is That They're Doing There Sorted Out. And We've Been Able To Bring Those Numbers Down. Specifically The Pre-Trial Prisoner Population, Three-Fourths Of The Individuals -- On An Average Day 710 People Were In Jail, The Largest Category Of Offender In The Sheriff's Jail System Were There Awaiting Trial. A Quarter Of The Individuals Were Awaiting Trial On Misdemeanor Offenses In The County Court. 62% Of The Individuals Have Been Sentenced To Jail Following Conviction Of A Felony. Some Were Serving A Jail Sentence In Lieu Of A Prison Sentence. 173 Individuals Were In Jail Sentenced On A Misdemeanor. The Whole Population, Probation Holds Down 103 Individuals On An Average Day. Holds For The State Prison Down To 78. An Average Of 15 People Per Day. And The Federal Prisoner Number Is Down To 49. That Has Decreased Further Through The First Four Months Of This Year. And Indications Are That The U. S. Marshall Is Phasing Out The Contract. And That Those Beds Will Be Reclaimed And Be Available Locally. Of The Individuals In Jail On A Probation Violation, Split Evenly Misdemeanor And Felony. Gender Of The Individuals In Jail, We've Continued To See An Increase. They Would Be Included In The Jail Stats. These Are Individuals That Are In The Community, Involved With Various Programs In Lieu Of Being In Jail. At The End Of Last Year, County Probation Had 2742 Active Clients. A Very High Number, Very High Case Loads. Need To Be Working With County Probation To Try To Bring Those Numbers Down. And Or Increase The Number Of Probation Officers. But The Ratio Is Way Too High Right Now To Provide Meaningful Super Vision. On The Pre-Trial Side, There Were A Total Of 3175 Individuals Released From Custody Prior To Trial During 2012 By Pre-Trial Services. At The End Of Last Year, There Were 578 Individuals That Were On Active Super Vision By The Program. These Are Individuals, Most Of Whom Who Would Have Otherwise Been Out In The Jail Awaiting Trial. Out Working, Supporting Families, Taking Care Of The Underlying Issues That Brought Them Into The System In The First Place. And Also Hopefully Ending Up With Non-Incarceration Sentence Upon Adjudication. Drug Court, One Of The Most Stellar Programs In The Community. I Attended Drug Court Yesterday Afternoon And Watched Judge Hayes Implement A Rather Unique. She Had Brought In An Offender Who Had Graduated Successfully From The Program Six Months To A Year Ago Who Was Still Doing Well In The Community. She Brought Him In To Address The Drug Court Clients. And Explained To Them Who He Was, His Background, How He Fought The Program, How He Successfully Completed The Program. And What His Life Is Like Today. And He Had His Family With Him. Following That Presentation, Judge Hayes Had Him Assume Her Seat On The Bench And Had The Rest Of The Calendar, The Drug Court Clients Come Up And Present To Him Their Story About Who They Were And How They Were Getting Through The Program. And He Provided Words Of Wisdom In A Mentoring Fashion That Meant Something To Them Different Than Hearing It

From The Judge. Being Able To Hear It From A Fellow Drug User And How They've Been Through The Program And Come Out The Other Side. A Very Unique Use Of Mentoring, A Very Successful Way To Provide To The Population, A Look And Support In Addressing And Dealing With Their Drug Problems. 130 Active Clients. There's A Total Of 150 In The Program. The Program Is Full A Large Number Of Individuals Is Graduating In A Couple Weeks. That Will Open The Program Up Much Needed To Allow More Individuals To Come In. The State Attorney's Support For The Program Is Significant. Public Defender Works Closely With The Program. We've Turned This Program From One That Had An Average Population Of 15 A Few Years Ago Now To Being Full At 150. And Just Doing Very Well. 27 People Successfully Graduated Last Year. And Another Bunch, As I Said Coming Up Shortly. I Know Commissioner Pendergrass You've Been Over There Recently. Commissioner Manning I Know That You Have As Well. I Do Encourage All Of You To Spend Time At The Program And Take A Look At It. It's Really Just A True New Paradigm To The Criminal Justice System. Support For The Offenders, Not Allowing Them To Slide Backwards And Just Go To Jail. But Providing That Support To Get Them Through The Program Is Working Very Well. Sheriff's Day Work Program, Another Stellar Example Of Some Changes We've Made In The System. During 2012, 489 Clients Successfully Completed The Program. What Is The Program, The Program Is Instead Of Going To Jail, Taking Up One Of Your Scarce Cells, Enjoying The Not Luxurious Accommodations, The Opportunity To Hang Out And Be Fed. These Individuals Are Going To Work. Where Would You Rather Be In The Month Of July Out Working In The Community Or Hanging Out In A Jail Bed? They May Not Want To Be In A Jail Bed, But They Now How To Do Time. This Is A Different Paradigm. This Is Saying To The Offender, You Are Going To Live At Home, Report In And Pay Back Your Debt To The Community By Performing Public Service Work. 489 Clients Successfully Completed The Program. They Completed A Total Of Almost 59,000 Hours. That If We Were To Pay Them Minimum Wage Would Work Out To Almost \$500,000 Worth Of Work Looking At It Another Way, If All Of Those Hours, All Of Those Days Were Spent In Jail It Would Have Cost Us An Additional 2/3 Of A Million Dollars To Incarcerate Them. Instead, They're Out Working. They're Learning What It's Like To Get Up In The Morning And Go To Work. Many Of Them Are Learning A Skill. They're Under Super Vision. The Community Sees Them Out. It's A Win, Win, Win For Everybody. It's A Very Successful Program. In Fact, It's So Successful That It's Full. And I Was Just Visiting With Colonel In The Back On How The Six Day A Week Program Really Does Need To Be 7 Days A Week. We Do Want People To Be Gainfully Employed In The Community. Working, Most Of Them Monday-Friday To Have Them Participate In The Program And Work On Saturday And Sunday Is Important. We Need To Look At Opening This Program Up And Getting More Slots Because It Really Does Work And It Is Full.

Mr. Chairman, David Is This Similar To The Program Where We Were Looking Out In Washington Where We Could Come And Have Them Check In? A Hybrid Of That?

It's A Subset Of That, Exactly. The Overall Community Corrections Concept That We Ultimately Want To Get To Is A Larger Program That Focuses On Addressing Some Of The Criminal Needs And Providing A Reentry Process Back Out Into The Community. The Sheriff Has Implemented A Reentry Program This Year Be In Jail Awaiting Trial, Out In The Community Continuing To Be Unsupervised. We Get Those Cases Down Early, We Get Them Pled, We Get Them Punished And We Get Them Under The Appropriate Level Of Super Vision In The Community. The Final Program That I Want To Share With You Today Is The First Appearance Initiative Proposal. Whether It's Simply To Get The Individual Out Of Jail To Pre-Trial Services, We Need An Experienced Team Working Together. Starting The 1st Of June The Public Defender Is Going To Allocate An Experienced Attorney, A Second Attorney, And An Investigator That Will Start Work At 6:00 In The Morning. Because First Appearance Hearings Are Currently At 9:30 A. M. We'll Go To Jail And Interview The Clients Prior To Court. We'll Work With The State Attorney And Try To Resolve Cases, Try To Make All Of This Work. We Do Have Some Personnel Challenges. Hopefully The State Attorney Will Be Able To Match The Public Defender With Resources. The That's Why, At Some Point An Additional Attorney On Both Sides Is Gonna Be Necessary In Order To See These New Initiatives Through. They're Definitely Having An Impact On The Jail Population And Ending Up With Better Dispositions, Getting People Under The Appropriate Levels Of Super Vision Back Out Into The Community. Those That Should Be Punished Having Those Cases Resolved Earlier, Just Getting It Done Sooner. That's My Report. If There's Any Questions.

Any Questions From The Board? Thank You For The Presentation. Thank You For What You Do, David.

Thank You.

We'll Be Recessed.

Michael, First Case?

Good Evening, This Is Your Public Hearing For The Evening.

The First Public Hearing To Adopt The 2013 Amendments For The Land Development Code.

I Have Reviewed The Notice Of Intent And I Will Enter That Into The Record Now.

This Is The Omnibus Legislation That Staff Prepares Every Two Years To Address A Number Of Things Between Scribners Errors, Streamlining, Removal Of Redundancies And Other Things That Pop Up.

Staff Is Here To Answer Any Questions That You Have.

At The End We Ask You Adopt The Sheet Provided With Regard To 133417.42 And You Move This Onto The Second Public Hearing As Provided In The Blue Sheet.

So Moved.

The Motion?

So Moved.

Tammy Hall For The Second.

Public Comment.

We Will Take Public Comment On This Item.

Anyone Here Wish To Speak On This Public Hearing Item?

I Have No Blue Cards.

No One Coming Forward.

At This Time We Will Close Public Comment.

Any Discussion From The Board?

That Concludes The Sheet.

Secunder Agrees.

I Just Want To Know Mr. Chairman, Did I Hear You Say In Essence They Are Not What You Would Describe As Substantive Changes Proposed Here?

This Is Truly Clean Up Language?

I'm Looking At Ms. Gibbs As Well.

I Wouldn't Go That Far.

There Are Some Substantive One's And Streamlining.

What We Consider To Be Good, We Are Combining Development Orders Where We Had Numerous Types, Trying To Consolidate And Combine Them So It's Easier For The Developers To Understand What They Have To Do.

They Aren't Just Scribners Errors.

There Are A Lot Of Substantive Things, But I Think They Are Good Things.

I Know We Can Fix It Later But We Are Having The First Hearing To Have A Hearing So I Want It To Be Heard.

There Was Something In The Paper That May Have Referred To Another One This Morning, Discussion About Input From Communities.

Ok, I Can Explain That One.

There Is One Change We Are Making In Terms Of What Gets Reviewed, By Different Communities.

The Little Planning Panels.

The Planning Panels.

These Are Limited Review Development Orders.

What We Have Suggested Is A Limited Review Development Order Is A Purely Administrative Function, Something Very Small That We Review And Some Of These Communities They Aren't Consistent.

Some Were Reviewing Limited Review Development Orders And Some Weren't.

We Are Saying Strikeout, Should Be A Staff Function.

Community That's Review Limited Review Still Do That.

I'm Thinking Of A Small Example Like A Shed Or Something Or A Gazebo Or An Ice Machine.

Architectural Renderings As Well.

Some Community Panels Do That And They Will Continue To Do That.

Don't Say Anymore.

I'm Through Talking Now.

I'm Through Hearing Now.

I Think You Actually Just Touched On It.

You Have Gone To The Different Towns And Municipalities With This To Make Sure.

Yes, And Mickey Went With Staff To Other Communities To Let Them Know We Were Changing This.

And You Think You Are Pretty Close To 50% Eliminating.

Depends If You Count It By Numbers Or Rules Or Pages.

But Yeah, We Aren't 50, But We Are Doing Good.

Getting Really Close.

I Think It's A Great Effort, Thank You.

Ok.

Any Other Discussion?

Any Objection?

No Objection, Motion Carries.

When Is The Second Public Hearing?

The 28th.

Thank You.

At This Time We Will Open Up Public Hearing For Matters Of Concerned Citizens.

Anyone Here Wish To Speak?

Public Matters For Concerned Citizens.

You Are Allowed To Speak, Up To Three Minutes.

Do You Have A Blue Card?

Just Give It To The County Manager There.

Come On Up.

Come To The Microphone Sir.

My Name Is Charles Mecina From Ingles Bay, There Was An Item On The Agenda For Changing The Code.

That's What I'm Here For.

So I Don't Know When That Is Coming Up On The Agenda.

This Morning.

We Had The Public Hearing A Few Months Ago For That.

It Was The First Public Hearing But You Have Three Minutes Now For Matters You Can Speak About Anything.

I Just Want To Touch On --

Just To Clarify This Is The Document That's Part Of This Packet.

I Wanted To Make Issue With An Idea There Was A Poison Pill Kind Of Written Into This Particular Language.

The Community Was Told In This Process We Proposed The Language And Then We Had A Professional Come In To Put The Language Together.

It Didn't Seem To Meet With What Staff Wanted To Do.

Staff Tweaked It.

It Wasn't Exactly What The People Who Originally Were Proposing The Change In Language, It Wasn't Something They Signed On For.

The One Sticking Point I Believe There Is On It, We Have And Own A Right In Easement.

Staff Is Putting In This Language We Either Have To Have A Letter From The Neighbor That Says They Don't Object To Us Applying For A Permit To Put A Facility In The Easement In Flaming Bay.

Because We Have That Legal Right I Don't Think It's Appropriate To Say We Either Have To Ask Our Neighbor For Permission Or Ask Them For A Letter That Says We Do Not Object To It Because We Own That Right Currently Already.

That Need Not Be In There.

And I'm Here To Take Issue With That One Thing.

I Think The Staff Has Done A Fairly Comprehensive Job On Putting The Language Together.

And That Is The Only Issue We Believe There Is A Poison Pill In There, Neighbors Aren't Going To Want Us Down There Any Way But We Own That Right.

What We Want Is Just To Apply For The Permit And Get It.

Because We Have That Legal Right Currently.

If You Go Down And Put A Facility There, As Long As The Code Language Doesn't Oppose The Legal Right That's There.

So That's What Our Only Issue With This Particular, It Was Voted 6-0 To Present It That Way.

Without Anything.

At The Last Committee In The Process We Are Going Through.

They Said Take The Poison Pill Out.

You Don't Need To Ask.

We Are Going To Suggest That The Commission Adopt This.

Given This Comes Out.

And What Staff Did Or County Attorney Did, They Still Left The Little Thing In There Saying, Well We Should Have A Letter Of No Objection From The Neighbor.

The Neighbor Has Nothing To Do With It.

And We Object To Having That In The Language Chain.

We Just Want To Come In And Apply For Our Permit And Get It, Because That's What We Expected When We Bought The Property And We Have Those Easements And Those Legal Rights.

Any Other Speakers From Matters Of Concerned Citizens.

Come Forward, Sir.

My Name Is Andy Nyho From Farm Bureau.

We Have Some Concerns In The New Code Amendments That Deal With Agriculture.

Having To Get Permit To Build Barnes, Non-Residential Structures.

Most Of You I Think I Talked To.

We Would Simply Like To Ask That You All Would Consider Stripping That Part That Refers To The Agricultural Part.

We Have Been Working With Mr. Stewart, We Are Waiting For Some Word To Come Down From Department Of Emergency Management.

We Are Trying To Work It From The Top To See What We Can Do To Give County Staff Relief From This.

But We Are Asking That Be Seriously Considered At This Point In Time.

And We Will Be Back Visiting With You All Some More.

Thank You.

Any Other Speakers?

Seeing None.

The Meeting Is Adjourned.