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**October 29, 2013**

Good Morning. This Is Tuesday, October 29th. Please Rise And Join Us For Invocation And The Pledge Of Allegiance. Pastor.

Father God. We Thank You That You Give Us The Spirit Of Wisdom And Revelation Knowledge To Make The Decisions For This County, Lord, In This Season And It Is Continued To Lead Them And Guide Them With Revelation Knowledge That Comes From You. In Jesus' Name. Amen, 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.

Chairman Pendergrass: Please Be Seated. If I Could Ask Everyone To Silence Cell Phones, This Is The Audience Please. We Have Ceremonial Presentations. First, Employee Presentations.

Good Morning. I Am Accompanied This Morning By Lee Elkins From Employee Relations. We Are Here To Present The Length Of Service Awards To All Eligible Employees For The Third Quarter Of 2013. These Represent 1,065 Years Of Service To Lee County Government. For Those Employees Present As I Call Your Name Please Step Forward To Receive Your Pin. As I Start Calling Each Group I Ask You To Go To The Back. Let's Get Started With Five Years. Brian Andrews, Dot Operations. James Buck, Five Years Facility Management. Robert Cars Well, Dot Traffic. Steven Cook, Utilities. Bradley Martin, Natural Resources. Deborah Paxton, Human Services. Scott Phillips, Public Safety. Kristan Shockler, Dot Tolls. Public Safety. Stacey Simms, Human Services. Jennifer, Park And Recreation. Transit. James Wells, Utilities. Deborah Williams, Utilities. May I Have The 10 Year Recipients Congregate In The Back. With 10 Years Of Service. Ricky Armstrong, Natural Resources. Constance Buchanan, Sports Development. Harry Daniels, Utilities. Christopher, Utilities. Garcia, Utilities. Gonzalez, Solid Waste. Michael Hinkle, Utilities. Chris Kennedy, Animal Services. Jeffrey MCGovern, Utilities. Michael Rose, Utilities. Stacy Samuels, Development Services. Will Fred Simmons, Utilities. May I Please Have The 15 Year Recipients In The Back. Dot Operations. Susan Grace, Library. Kimble Matthews, Visitors And Convention Bureau. May I Please Have The 20 Year Recipients In The Back. Sandra Baits, Park And Recreation. Michael Foley, Utilities. Sharon Matthews, Public Safety. Brian Miller, Dot Engineering. Cindy Simon, Library. With 25 Years Of Service. Candy Klein, Dot Tolls. Joe, Parks And Recreation. Development Services. Kenneth Belt Man, Public Safety. With 30 Years Of Service To Lee County. Sam Smith, Human Resources. Congratulations To All Of You Employees And Thank You For Your Years Of Service.

Chairman Pendergrass: At This Time I Would Like To Call Brian Hamman To The Podium. Brian Has Some News.



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Good Morning Everyone. This Is A Very Exciting Day For Lee County And An Exciting Day For Me And My Family. The Governor Informed Me I Will Be Appointed To The Vacant District Four Commission Seat. Thank You For That. That Was Very Warm, Very Wonderful. I Am Looking Forward To Getting To Work With You Guys. Commissioners You Have Handled This Last Month With Grace And Dignity. I Am Looking Forward To Join You And Move Lee County Forward.

Chairman Pendergrass: Congratulations. I Am Excited About Your Energy. We Are Looking Forward To It. The Judge Would Like To Swear You In, Sir.

Wait A Minute. We Don't Do This Every Day. Bring Him Up Here. Bring Him Up Here In Front Of Everything.

Chairman Pendergrass: Welcome. You Are A Part Of This Family. Welcome.

I Do Duly Qualify To Hold Office Under The Constitution Of This State And That I Will Proud And Faithfully Perform The Duties Of The Lee County Commissioner. With That I Am About To Enter. So Help Me God. [Applause.]

You Can Report To Work Right Here. I Will Be Happy To Seat You.

This Is The Honeymoon Phase?

Yes, It Lasts About Three Minutes.

Chairman Pendergrass: Congratulations. What Is Next? We Have A Proclamation.

Thank You. I Would Like To Ask Lynn To Come Up And Bring Your Gang With You. I Know You Have Some Folks With You. These Are The Friends Of The Library. Come On Up. Good Morning Afternoon Thank You All For Coming This Morning. This Is A Special Time For Us As Well. With That I Would Like To Read The Resolution. Afterwards We Will Ask You To Take A Picture And Then Ask If You Have Words To Share With Us.

Whereas Friends Of The Lee County Library Raise Money To Enable The Library From Good To Great Providing Additional Programs, Much Needed Equipment Support For Summer Reading And Special Events Throughout The Year. Whereas, The Work Of The Friends Highlights On An Ongoing Basis The Facts That Our Library Is The Corner Stone Of The Community Providing Opportunities For All To Enjoy In Lifelong Learning And Connect With The Thoughts And Ideas. Whereas The Friends Understand The Critical Importance Of Friend And Library And Advocate They Ensure To Provide The Wide Variety Of Services To All Ages Including Access To Print And Electronic Content Along With Expert Assistance In Research And Children's Services. Whereas



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The Friends Gift Of Their Time And Commitment To The Library Sets An Example For All In How Volunteerism Leads To Positive Civic Engagement And Betterments Of Our Community. The Board Of Commissioners Do Hereby Proclaim October 20 Through 26th In 2013 As The Friends Of The Library Week In Lee County. They Urge Everyone To Join The Friends And Thank Them For All They Do To Make Our Library And Community A Better Place. Executed This Day Of October. Congratulations. Come On Up.

Would You Like To Say A Word?

Good Morning, Commissioners. On Behalf Of The Friends And The Many Library Patrons I Would Like To Thank You For Finding The Money In The Budget To Keep The Library Open And To Keep Providing The Services We Have. We Have 1358 Friends In The Lee County Library System. The Rest Of Them Were Too Busy To Come Today. Most Of Our Fund-Raising Is Did You Through Book Sales And Dues And Bake Sales. Some Of The Money Is Used For Newsletters, Volunteer Appreciation Teas And Lunches And Necessary Administrative Expenses. Our Main Objective Is To Support The Library Program With What Is Not Covered In The Budget. Last Year We Raised \$65,000 Which Was Donated By Friends. This Was Used For Books And Supplies Summer Reading Programs And Programs Throughout The Year. Supplementing The Teen And Adult Magazine Budget Landscaping And Plant Maintenance, Providing For The Monthly Booklet And Supporting The Reading Festival. I Thank You For Recognizing The Friends And For Your Continued Support Of The Library. Thank You. [Applause.]

Thank You Again. I Have The Next Resolution. Come Forward.

This Resolution Is Celebrating An Important Item. Whereas Guardians Of Ribbon Is An Arizona Nonprofit Organization Leaders Of The Community To Raise Awareness Against Cancer. September 2007 They Began Encouraging Local Leaders And Citizens To Wear Pink In Honor Of The Women To Join Forces To Fight Against Cancer. Whereas, Anything Is Possible When People Devote Their Time And Selfs To The Cause That Benefits So Many. The Cares Enough To Wear Pink Recognizing The Need To Come Together To Fight Against Cancer For Future Generations. They Can't Come Together Now Be It Resolved The Board Of County Commissioners Does Proclaim October 25 Through 27 As Care Enough To Wear Pink Days. In Lee County We Urge All Citizens To Recognize And Support The Efforts And Firefighters And Local 1826. Executed On The 22nd Day Of October By Myself. Thank You.

Would You Like To Say A Word?

I Want To Thank The Board Of Commissioners And Congratulations In Being A Part Of That. Lee County Ems And Public Safety Have Spent A Lot Of Time That Has Been Deemed October



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Fest. It Included A Parade And Run And Block Party Downtown Fort Myers Fireworks As Well As Internally Our Three Days That We Authorized All Of Our Personnel To Wear Pink T-Shirts And Shirts On Duty. We Appreciate The Time. Breast Cancer Affects All Of Us In Some Way If It Is Directly Within Our Staff, Immediate Families, It Certainly Affects A Lot Of People In The Country. We Appreciate You Taking The Time To Recognize Such An Important Organization.

I Would Like To Recognize Another Group Here Today. Would You Please Come Forward. Heidi Is Here And Michael Is Here And Heather Is Here. You Have A Special Announcement To Make About Your Group.

Hi Everybody. I Am The Executive Directors Of The Builders Care Program In Lee County. Our Mission Is To Provide Emergency Construction For Needy Homeowners In Southwest Florida. Since 2005 Volunteers Have Put Back More Than \$2.5 Million At No Cost To Homeowners In Need Here In Lee County. Today Is Unique. We Were Selected As One Of The Timists In The Toyota 100 Cars For Good. Today We Will Go For The Rights Of A New Toyota Against Four Other Nonprofits. Go Vote For 100 Cars For Good. They Will Donate A Vehicle To Assist Homeowners In Need. I Appreciate Your Time. Thank You So Much And Please Go Out And Vote.

Thank You For Everything You Do In The Community.

Last Ceremony. We Have Two Items For Correction.

I Movie Vision Of 14a. Any Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection. 14b? Moved.

Second.

Any Discussion? No Discussion. Any Objection? Motion Carried. Public Comment On The Consent Agenda. We Have Two. October 22 And 29. First Speaker Is Ray Murphy. He Is The First Speaker. You Have Three Minutes. After Larry Linda Yoder.

I Am A Proud Resident Of North Fort Myers, Florida. I Would Like To Tell You We Are Contemplating The Change For The Vote To Meetings. I Would Like You To Give Consideration. It Is Only One Other County Of 67 Counties In The State That Has Meetings On A Weekly Basis. I Think The Public Enjoys This. Unless It Is Very Beneficial To Save All Of The Money That You Give Strong Consideration To Stay With The Present Amount Of Meetings. Thank You.

Next Speaker Is Linda.

Good Morning, Commissioners. I Am Linda. I Would Like To Comment On The Proposed Changes To The Meeting Schedule. If You Elect To Meet Only Twice A Month I Would Like To See Two M And P Meetings To Give You Additional Opportunity For Open Discussion Of Items Prior To



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Proceeding To A Vote. In 1.02 Regular Meetings The Proposed Code Seems To Eliminate The Option Of The Public Addressing The Commission On Any Topic. Current Procedures Read Every Second And Fourth Tuesday The Agenda Will Include A Timeframe For Public Presentations Of Matters By Citizens As Provided Here In. That Language Has Been Deleted In The Graft Replaced Only With Every Regular Meeting Will Have A Scheduled Timeframe For Public Discussion On Pending Consent And Administrative Items Scheduled For That Meeting. I Hope This Is An Error And Not Intentionally Limiting Public Input. Prior To Your Vote I Ask That You Instruct Staff To Reinsert Specific Language In 1.02 Stating That Public Presentation Of Matters By Citizens Will Be An Agenda Item On The First And Third Meeting Scheduled. Other Sections Of The Code May Need To Be Modified. Additionally, It Would Be Beneficial If Public Comment Was Heard Immediately Prior To Board Action. Not At The Beginning Of The Meeting Which Could Be Hours Removed From The Actual Discussion. On The Specifics I Talked With The County Attorney Yesterday. She Assured Me That Was Not The Intent. I Hope You Will Move Forward With My Suggestion. Thank You Very Much.

Thank You, Linda. At This Time Is There Anyone That Wishes To Speak On The Consent Agenda Today.

Mr. Chairman If I May.

For Clarification We Have The 22nd And Then We Will Go To The 29th. The Consent For The 22nd Only. Commissioner Manning.

Comm. Mann: None.

I Have None. Motion To Approve The Balance Of Items.

Any Discussion? Any Objection? We Have None On This One. At This Time We Will Move The Consent Agenda For The 29th. Agenda Items? Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kicker.

8b.

I Have None.

I Have None.

Ok.

Any Discussion? No Objection.



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This Is The Project For Lake Candle Wood. I Am Actually Wanting To Make A Comment In Terms Of The Activity That Has Been In My Office In The Last Two Or Three Weeks. Considering All Of The Rain That We Have Had That It Is Uncleared If You Will On The Neighborhoods Trash, Grass, Different Things. This Ends Up Working As Well As I Think It Is Going To Be I Think This Is Going To Be Away For Us To Resolve A Lot Of Issues That Are Coming Forward At This Time. I Just Want To Congratulate The Staff On The Work They Did And That Is A Good Project You Came Up With. At This Time I Move To Approve.

Any Discussion Items? No Discussion. Any Objection?

No Objection. Your Administrative Agenda For The 29th.

Commissioner Manning Makes A Motion. Commissioner Kiker For Discussion Any Discussion?

Yes, I Would Like According To The Comments That We Heard The Public Comment Could We Get A Brief Description Of What It Is That We Are Talking About Here So Everybody Is Clear?

Roger.

Commissioners. A Couple Things. By Going To Every Other Week Considering The Number Of Agenda Items It Makes For Really Efficient Time For The Staff To Work Throughout The Work Between Meetings. It Will Be Of Great Benefit To Us. Secondly, You Are Not Going To Miss That Many Meetings Anyway. We Still Have A Number Of Policy Workshops We Have To Go Through Based On Your Discussions. A Month Ago As A Matter Of Fact The Senior Staff Is Meeting This Afternoon To Talk About Those Policy Issues In The Schedule. Between M And Ps And Policy Workshops We Need To Have We Are Still Going To Have Plenty Of Time To Talk To Each Other. Every Other Week Meeting To Vote On Items On The Agenda Makes Everything Work Much Better.

Does This Set The Meeting Date In Is It The First And Third Or Second And Fourth?

It Sets The Meeting Date. The Schedule This Creates Means We Don't Have To Modify The Meetings Between Now And The End Of The Year.

It Is The First And Third Week, Is That Correct?

Yes, That's Correct.

Then Alternating M And P And Policy Work Sessions?

As You See Fit We Can Do That.



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Included In That Have We Taken A Look At The Only Meeting That Is Left Is On Monday Which Is Zoning Or Is That M And P On Monday?

In Our Last Meeting When We Discussed This Topic To Bring It Back Today On The Blue Sheet That We At An Upcoming M And P We Discussed The Balance Of Meetings You Have To Attend So We Can Be Sure You Have Those Meetings Listed And How That Might Be Affected If You Want To Change It.

Mr. Chairman, The Board Is Aware Of My Hesitancy In Embracing This Change. I Want To Say This And This Goes Back To You Commissioner Kiker. You Have Looked For More Opportunities To Discuss Issues If They Are Special Workshops. The Only Time The Public Has Time To See Us And What We Are Thinking About And If It Is Consistent With What They Want Are At The Meetings We Have. I Will Support This Motion Understanding And Believing That What He Has Just Said And What Your Expressions In The Past Has Indicated That We Will Have More Opportunities To Have Wide Open Discussions With More Public Participation Than Ever So The Public Becomes Even More Part Of Our Process Than They Have Been In The Past. It Is With That Hope And Belief That I Am Going To Support The Motion.

That Is Exactly Where I Am Coming From. If You Will Recall Recently When We Had A Work Session. I Thought The Conversation We Had Was Great. I Think We Covered Probably More In That One Session Which Lasted About Three Hours, If I May, I Thought We Covered There More. That Is What I Am Hoping For. Exactly.

I Personally Have Reservations About It. I Am Coming Here To Delay It Until We Had A Five Member Board. Now We Have Five Members. Maybe We Should Wait Until The Person Gets Here And Here We Are Today. I Met With Council Staff About The Public Input. There Is A New Bill To Have More Public Input. Any Meetings We Tap Action We Will Have Public Input. You Will Be Able To Attend The Meetings For Public Comment On The Items. You Brought That Up Before. We Do Not Want To Lose The Public Comments. If We See That Our Workload Is Too Heavy We Would Go Back To Weekly Meetings If The Workload Is Too Heavy.

Does This Require A Change In The Way Our Procedures Are Written?

Only The Code. We Have Amended The Code Before You Today. That Is The Administrative Code.

If We Have Changes As He Talked About We Would Be Able To Go Back To Amend It?

Yes, Sir.

Thank You.



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The Pros And Cons For The Staff Is Not Just Saving Money But Time For Employees. Now Employees Are Free On Monday Where I Would Know From Talking To People Throughout The Community They Call On The Staff On Monday But They Cannot Get Action Taken Because The Staff Is Preparing For The Tuesday Meeting. Then Tuesday They Are Tied Up Here. They Only Got Three Days An Week To Work. That Was The Biggest Red Flag To Me. They Cannot Talk To Staff On Monday Because They Are Getting Ready For This. It Is Not Only A Time Saver But Also A Money Safer To The Public.

Any Objection? No Objection, Motion Carries.

Just A Reminder We Will Be Meeting Next Tuesday Then We Start Every Other The Following After Next Week.

Next Item. Commissioner Manning Motion And Commissioner Kicker Second. Any Discussion? Any Objection? No Objection. 1c. Second By Kicker. Any Discussion?

The Question. This Is To Authorize \$2.5 Million Line Of Credit And I Believe This Is With The Understanding Before That Money Is Spent It Has To Come From The Board For Approval, Is That Correct?

Yes, That's Correct.

Any Objection To The Item?

Motion Carries. 14-A. Any Discussion? No Discussion. Any Objection? No Objection Motion Carries. Walk-Ons. We Do Not Have Any Of Those. Commissioner Manning?

None.

Commissioner Kicker. You Went Fast. I Need To Catch Up With You. I Am Good. A Couple Things. With Staff's Assistance We Wrote An Opinion Piece On The Acceptance Of The Rda The Water Resource Act. I Would Like To Thank The Staff For Efforts On That. I Would Have To Say Congratulations To This Board And To The Staff And The People That Have Been Working On This For The Last 7 Years Before We Got Here. I Am Sure We Worked On It Ourselves Somewhere Else. In Essence It Is The Beginning Of Actually Funding C-4 3, C-4 4, Upgrading The Hoover Dike, And Having Said That. I Said Thank You Very Much And Congratulations. The Next Step Is Preparations Which Means We Have The Bill Passed In Broth Houses And Appropriations Is The Next Piece. There Is A \$13 Billion Set Of Money Out There That These Folks Are Going For The \$1.3 Billion. That Is What It Is Going To Take.

I Know You Have Been A Part Of That Commissioner Manning. It Is A Great Day For Lee County. I Believe It Was As A Result Of In Input And The Mayor Of Fort Myers Beach And, Of Course, The





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Mayor Of Sanibel. Second One You Did Receive A E-Mail On The Copc For Bonita Springs. I Am Going To Take You Back In Time. This Is The One Where During The Course Of Mitigation I Was Asked To Represent The Board And Work With The Staff And Bonita Springs. We Did Meet In Public With The Attorneys And We Gave Direction To Some Folks There To Workout What They Could. December 9th We Are Going To Have That Report In The Meeting. From Then We Will Be Able To Make Recommendations To This Board Or Not. At That Point In Time I Know You Have Another Date Scheduled On Hold For January In Case We Are Not Successful. Just To Bring You Up On That If There Are Questions I Would Be Glad To Answer Those. The Next One Is Sand Haul On Corkscrew Road. My Hat Is Off For All Of The Work You Have Done On This. We Continue To Get A Lot Of Correspondence And A Lot Of E-Mails And People That Are Quite Upset. As Late As This Morning I Talked With Commissioner Georgia And Informed Her That In This Meeting I Was Going To Make A Recommendation To This Board That We Direct Staff To Take A Look At Any Avenue That We Can Come Up Within Terms Of Resolving What I Think Is A Roadblock And They Don't Have The Number. 500 To \$700,000, Whatever It Costs To Go Around On The Road. You Know, I Would Like To Call Your Attention To The Fact We Have The Dep Objection That Was Put In Place. We Haven't Heard Back From Them. Dep Exceeded The 14 Days. We Are Waiting For That Response. You Know, Red Flag To Everyone. As Soon As That Comes Through And If They Choose To Accept It They Could Actually Stop The Project. It Is Going To Put A Lot Of Different Things In Play That Are Not Today. I Hope I Am Saying That Right. So With That With Your Permission I Would Like To Work With Staff, Direct Them To Pursue Another Avenue On The Cost Side To See If There Is Anything There That We Can Work With. That Is A Request.

Is Your Request To Work To Pay Them To Keep From Going To The Other Route?

More So I Want To Direct The Staff. This Is Could Be An Excessive Amount Of Their Time To Go Look At The Different Things In The Contract, Past, You Know, I Will Ask For Help On This One. Go Ahead.

Mr. Chair. Over Time We Received A Number Of Documents From Collier County Having To Do With This Project. We Have Started To Review Them. We Are Attempting To Verify Some Of The Cost Information We Have Been Provided As Commissioner Kicker Says We Have Heard That The Cost Of The Routes Is Between The Lowest Number I Think Is 290,000 The Highest Is \$700,000. We Have Been Unable To Verify Those Numbers So Far. If You All Approve Today We Will Spend Time Going Through Their Documents To See If We Can Verify What That Cost Is And Then Come Back With A Recommendation. Right This Moment I Wouldn't Tell You That We Are Looking For Money To Go Pay Collier County To Alter The Route. It Is Just A More Thorough Review. It Could Take Time. Maybe Worth The Effort In The Long Run.

I Can Hardly Justify Paying Your Tax Dollars To Use An Alternate Route.

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Thank You For Bringing It Up. It Had Nothing To Do With That. No Way Are We Subscribing That We Bring Up Money. We Are Looking At The Actual Cost. When You Get Numbers From \$200,000, \$500,000 We Don't Know What It Is. That Goes Along With Is It 200 Trucks, 400 Trucks, 800 Trucks. We Don't Know. What We Do Know Is This Continues To Fester Itself And It Is Not Getting Any Better. The Problem Is Escalating. I Am Hoping That We Continue To Bring In Information That We Can Present To Collier And Get Their Attention A Little Bit. Right Now They Don't Have Their Attention. We Don't.

We Are Waiting For The Dot Response. I Hope It Comes Back In Favor Of Us. That Brings It To Their Attention.

Let Me Caution You. If That Happens And If It Shuts Down The Program, Then We Have To Look At Our Liabilities Which May Include An Extra Meeting Called By Yourself To Discuss Those Liabilities. This Whole Situation As It Progresses With That, You Know, Another Part Is If They Don't Agree With The Dep Then That Lessens Our Leverage, If You Will, On What We Can Ask Them To Do For Us. At The End Of The Day We Are Still Looking At A Right-Hand Turn That Is 2.5 Miles That Is What We Are Looking At And That Is What We Are Driving For.

I Think If It Came Back In Our Favor Wouldn't Shut Down The Program. They Would Find An Alternate Route. Is That True They Would Go On An Alternate Route If They Got That Back In.

Would That Stop The Project. If The Dep Is In Our Favor Would That Shut The Project.

Yes, Based On The Rules It Would Shut The Project Down Or At Least Part Of The Project.

I Guess I Appreciate Your Questions. They Are Exactly Correct. We Need A Clear Understanding Of What Is Going On With This Project. It Does Not Have The Part. We Haven't Adjusted Our Position. We Haven't Quit Working On It. We Continue To Work On This Thing. It Is Taking A Lot Longer When You Start Getting The Tonnage Involved. When You Get The Tonnage Involved On Both Sides Of It, This Can Drag Out Past The Project. We Have Got To Be Careful How We Proceed If We Want To Make Any Impact On It.

Maybe I Can Help A Little Bit, Please. We Do Not Want To Shut This Project Down. Collier County They Need The Project. As We Continue To Review Documents And It Is A Lot Of Paper To Go Through, We Continue To Find Elements In The Scope And Board Decisions That Have Been Made That We Were Unaware Of. For Example, There Is One Section Of The Project \$3.9 Million. The Development That This Is On The Water Can Reimburse \$3.9 Million. We Didn't Know It Or Understand It. How Do They Calculate That Cost To Alter The Route And What That Might Mean To The Neighborhood Who Is Going To Reimburse The Collier County Commission. Our Motivation With Viewing The Document Is Different Than The Collier County Staff Motivation. Not



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To Say They Won't Do A Thorough Review. We Would Like To Look At It From A Different Perspective.

I Support Reviewing It. Any Comments To The Board?

I Am Curious. Do We Have Any Information. One Of The Concerns Is Safety. Have We Seen Any Up Take In Accidents Or Concerns With Safety? Do We Have Any Measurements?

Not Yet. We Do Have However Input From E-Mails. Recently We Had One Where One Of The Trucks Passed A School Bus That Was Stopped. We Hear Stories But I Don't Know That We Can Justify Them.

That Is The Information I Am Looking For. The Sheriff Has Done A Good Job. He Has Enhanced Patrols, Making Sure To The Best Of His Ability The Trucks Are Staying Within The Speed Limit And They Are Traveling Safely And They Have The Required Equipment And All Of Those Things. There Are Quite A Few Traffic Stop. That Is Helpful. The Number Of Truck Trips Is Ramping Up As They Work Towards 400 Trips An Day. They Are Close To Being There Now.

Just One Last Thing. I Would Like To Welcome Commissioner An Board. I Would Like To Make A Statement. It Doesn't Change My Position I Am Not The Youngest One Here. Thank You For Being Here And Welcome An Period.

Thank You. I Appreciate That.

That Is All I Have.

A Couple Items. Commissioner Manning Was Able To Attend The Meeting In Other Orlando Do Learn About Transportation In The State Of Florida. I Would Like To Bring Up That Bill 17 Was Passed This Year For Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. They Are Asking For A Board Of Commissioners To Attend A Quarterly Meeting For The Area.

If I May. I Have A Recommendation. I Believe Mr. Manning Has An Extensive Background In This Already.

I Was On The Board. I Was On The Drug Court. I Was On The Board In A Previous Life In The Teen Court. I Am Aware Of Those Issues. I Will Be Happy To Volunteer. All In Favor.

For At Least One Year.

Do You Have Any Commissioner Items.

I Would Like To Thank The Staff And To Governor Scott. This Is Definitely A Great Opportunity For Me. I Am Honored And Humbled. Thank You For All You Have Done.



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I will take this opportunity to commute indicate here and tell him about one of my pet projects here involves impact fees. The board last year not quite a year ago adopted a policy of reducing impact fees by 80%. I know you have been catching up to speed on this and you are probably way ahead. In order to keep the board informed almost a weekly basis I have been cutting out newspaper clippings that have indicated how robust the construction industry is and how it has come back. After a year which our ordinance requires us to review if it is a good idea. My point is I have been making over and over. Nationally and specifically in southwest Florida in Lee County the industry is doing quite well. We might rethink the need to continue the 80% reduction. Commissioner Manning it crossed my mind that perhaps your enthusiasm about going to every other week meetings meant you would only have to listen to us half as often.

That was my prime motivation.

This is a story about Miami. Home building rates are up. Residential construction is up 87% over the same time a year ago. 87%. The fellow quoted says to get a sense of the change look on the the Miami skyline where his favorite kind of migratory bird has returned cranes, the construction kind dot the Miami skyline. The Florida bird is back. 87% increase. I don't think I read they reduced impact fees at all.

They only built three units last year.

Now they have done five. Not so. Thank you.

We look forward to these. Keep them up.

I will bring twice as many since we only meet half as often.

I forgot to bring this up. If anybody is familiar with the Florida trend. Lo and behold they featured Lee County and the economy with our tourism, development, 2020 program, all of the different initiatives.

Do you have pictures?

We have pictures. I could say the new home construction is up 50%. I don't mean to say that to you. You didn't hear it. In essence what a great article if anybody would like a copy of this contact me or you guys all get it. Great article and congratulations. Thank you.

Thank you. Committee appointments. Commissioner Manning. I would like to reappoint Riley Parker to the conservation land acquisition stewardship committee?

Motion carries. Mr. Kicker.



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I Have One Appointment. Honorable Gary Lee Who Is The Anchorage Way Msb.

Any Discussion? Any Objection? Motion Carries. Special Improvement Unit. Walter John's Of Construction Licensing. Cook Of Construction Licensing. Richard Sapp Community Action. Pamela Geiger With The Estates. Bernard With The Creek Estates. Any Discussion? No Objection. Motion Carries.

Mr. Chairman This Relates To Commissioner Items. I Have Asked Roger And Andrea To Make Comments On The City's Proposal Which They Are Voting On Right Now To Turn Over The Police Operation To The Sheriff's Department. I Want Them To Make It Clear That I Do Not Believe The Numbers I Have Seen Suggestions That By Making A I Change They Could Say \$25 Million. I Just Think That Is Absurd. I Also Want To Point Out That Because Of The Delicate Balanced Budget That If That Proposed Change Came Forth And There Was Any Increase In The Cost To The City, There Is No Way That The County Is Able To Entertain An Increase In The Sheriff's Budget To Respond. I Want Their Comment On The Record So The Public Will Be Aware Of That. Having Said That I Leave It For Them To Offer Their Comments. I Have A Reappointment Of Rob Fowler.

Any Discussion?

Motion Carries. Thank You. County Manager Items?

First Of All, Congratulations Commissioner I Am Looking Forward To Work With You. The Staff Is At Your Disposal. From All Of The Employees In Lee County Government Welcome. Secondly The Issue Of The Referendum In Time Right Now To Abolish The Police Department And Sheriff Would Have To Take Over. The Sheriff Is Like Lee County Government Is Under No Obligation To Provide The City With The Same Level Of Municipal Policing Taking Place At The Moment What The Cost Is To The Sheriff Or City We Don't Know. The Sheriff Would Have To Respond To The City With The Same Level Of Service That We Receive In The Unincorporated Areas Of Lee County And The Base Service That The City And The Town Of Fort Myers Beach Received Except During Certain Times Of The Year When The Beach Pays For Additional Officers During Spring Break And Those Things. As We Sit Here Today It Is Clear That We Have No Obligation Beyond The Base Level Of Service. Any Other Costs Besides That Are Unpredictable But Not Ours To Bear. Thank You.

I Have One Last Thing.

Go Ahead.

Just One Good One. Our Director Of Visitors And Convention Bureau Was This Month Elected As The Chairman Of The Board For The Association Of Marketing Organizations. There Is No Bigger Professional Compliment Than To Be Elected To The Chair Of Your Professional



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Organization. Congratulations To Her And The Staff At The Tourism Office. They Are A Fine Example How This Is To Work. We Appreciate Them. Thank You.

I Have One Question. This Is For Mr. Sawyer In Regards To The Flood Insurance. I Didn't Know If You Are Going To Comment On What Happened Yesterday. I Think There Seems To Be Maybe A False Excitement But A Good One In Terms Of What Is Going On There And Plans That We Have.

Yesterday We Represented Maxine Waters. She Released A Statement That She Had Reached A Bipartisan Deal To Delay Implementation Of The Flood Insurance Increases For Four Years. It Is Misleading. My Understanding Is She Reached A Deal To Introduce The Legislation. Republicans Will Co-Sponsor It. No Indication When Or If That Bill Would Be Considered. We Will See A Lot Of These Legislative Developments In The Coming Days. It Is Important To Remain Calm And Work Our Way Through It. You Are Asking About The Roundtable That We Are Organizing. Commissioner Kicker As Your Lead On This Issue Has Agreed To Contact The Representative To See If He Could Attend The Round Table At The Eoc That The County Would Hold. When We Have Those Dates We Will Get Other Players Involved Including Our Legislative Delegation.

Nothing To Get Overly Excited About Right Now.

Thank You.

Any Other Items.

Commissioner To The Ballot Language. It Was Brought Up By Commissioner Man. I Concur With The Statement Made By The County Manager Regarding Our Involvement. Unless They Reach An Inter Local Agreement Between The Two Parties They Would Get The Same Level Of Services Unincorporated Areas Do. There Are A Number Of Legal Issues With That. They Have To Work That Out. That Would Not Involve Anything With Us.

If I May. I Just Want To Hear You Say It, Too. There Is No Obligation On The Part Of Lee County If The Sheriff Should Reach Some Agreement With The City Fathers At Fort Myers That Would Increase The Expenditure Of The Sheriff In Order To Undertake The Challenge. We Are Not Obligated To Throw In Any Money.

He Is Absolutely Correct.

Thank You.

Commissioners I Have A Couple Of Items For You. Information Regarding The Close Executive Session. The First One Is Scheduled Next Week, November 5th At 11:00 A.M. It Will Convene In The East Room. The Following Individuals Will Be In Attendance At The Attorney Client



## Meeting Transcript

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Executive Session John Manning. Pendergrass, Kicker, Hamman, Mann. John Turner And County Manager. The Next Closed Executive Session. I Am Sorry That Was The Llc Versus Lee County For November 5th. Next Closed Executive Session Is Pine Island Case. That Will Take Place On Monday, November 25th At 1:00 P.M. In Chambers And Convening In The East Room And Adjourning In Chambers. The Following In Attendance At This Session. Commissioners Manning, Pendergrass, Kicker, Hamman, Mann. Attorneys, John Turner. And County Manager. The Closed Executive Session Will Be Transcribed By Jennifer Or Another Representative Of The Associates For Both Executive Sessions. Thank You.

At This Time We Have Public Comment. Anyone Wish To Address The Board For Any Comments? If We Have One Taker. State Your Name For The Record.

Heather. Executive Vice President Of Building Industry Association. Commissioner Mann Thank You For Talking About How Great The Industry Is. It Is Wonderful To See The See Economy Making A Strong Come Back. We Were Able To Friday To Unveil One Of The Strongest Reports We Have Seen With Regard To Housing And It's Impact Here In Lee County. We Were Able To Bring In An Economist From The National Association Of Home Builders Doctor David Crow. Two Things I Would Like To Read From This Report. If You Are Interested In Getting A Copy Feel Free To See Me. I Will E-Mail It To You. A Couple Things. Let Me Say We Believe This Report Will Fundamentally Shift The Conversation We Need To Have Over The Next Year With How We Are Going To Pay For Infrastructure In Lee County. The Numbers Clearly State That Growth Does Pay For Growth. We Need To Look At How Government Is Spending The Revenues We Are Bringing In And How We Can In The Foreseeable Future Put Together The Infrastructure That We Are Going To Need To Sustain This Economy No Matter Which Way We Go. In The First Year The 100 Single Family Homes Built In Lee County Result In \$3.2 Million In Tax And Other Revenues For Local Governments. 280,000 In Current Expenditures To Provide Public Services To The Net New Households At Current Levels And \$1.1 Million In Capital Investment For New Structures And Equipment Undertaken By These Local Governments That Is The First Year. After 15 Years The Homes Will Generate Cumulative \$30.5 Million In Revenue Compared To The \$15.7 Million In Costs. These Numbers Are Specific To Lee County. We Look Forward To Working With You And Your Staff And Looking At How We Are Going To Fund Infrastructure In The Future. Thank You Very Much For Your Time This Morning.

Any Other Comments In The Audience Before We Close Public Comment? We Close Public Comment.

Meeting Is Adjourned.