

April 19, 2016

Frank Mann: Good Morning, Ladies And Gentlemen. We Want To Call Order On April 19th Regular Meeting Of The Lee County Board Of County Commissioners. I Would Ask Pastor Juan Gonzalez. Juan, Where Are You? To Approach The Mike, Please, And Lead Us In Our Morning Invocation. If You Would Stand, Please, And Remain Standing For The Pledge Of Allegiance. Pastor, Welcome.

Thank You.

May We Bow Our Heads In Prayer. The Lord, God, Listen To Our Prayers. Let Your Divine Graces Bless This Meeting. We Are Meeting Today To Deliberate And To Conduct Matters Of Business For The Coming Good Of Lee County And Surrounding Communities. God, Our Hearts And Our Minds In The Spirit Of Fairness, Right Thought And Speech. We Pray For The Commissioners And For Each Person Here. Each Person -- Give Each Person Clarity Of Mind, Compassion, Due Diligence, Integrity, And Even A Sense Of Humor. Give Them Listening Ears And Thoughtful Words. Give Them Presence Of Mind And Open Hearts. Impart Your Supreme Wisdom On Our Activities So That Our Affairs May Reach A Successful Conclusion. Thank You For This Day, And The Many Blessings We Have Received. Thank You For Being Our Source Of Guidance Today In Your Holy Name, We Pray. Amen.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Pastor. 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, And Be Seated. Pastor, Let Me Thank You. Pastor Gonzalez Is From The Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. That's In Lehigh. Am I Correct On That? Thank You For Your Participation This Morning. We Have Our Employee Awards For Elected Services This Morning. Going To Ask You Guys To Be Patient, And I Know You Hate To Be Missing Work, But I'm Going To Take Up -- I'm Going To Take Up Another Resolution First. This Is What We Do Annually Because It's Such -- It's A Pretty Thing For Us To Do, And It Speaks To A Noble Mission By Your U.S. Postal Service, Letter Carriers. Joyce, Would You And Your Pals Come Join Us? The Letter Carriers Go Out, And They Collect Food Annually. Yeah. Anybody Else Who Is With Your Little Group, I See Them Joining Around You. The Beneficiaries There Is The Harry Chafman Food Bank, And It Serves A Wonderful Purpose, And We Are Just Pleased To Recognize Your Efforts Each Year. Let Me Read This Resolution, And Then We'll Hear A Word Or Two From You, Please. Whereas, The Letter Carriers Are Conducting Their Annual Food Drive On Saturday, May 14th, And Whereas, On That Date Mail Carriers Are Requesting That Citizens Leave Non-Perishable Food By Their Mailbox, And, Whereas, The Food Will Be Collected And Distributed In Our Community By The Harry Chafan Food Bank Of Southwest Florida, And, Whereas, The Food Bank Of

Southwest Florida Will Distribute The Food To More Than 150 Agencies That Feed People In Need. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That The Board Of County Commissioners Of Lee County, Florida, Does Hereby Proclaim May 14th, 2016, As Letter Carriers National Food Drive Day In Lee County And Urges Our Citizens To Participate In This Worthy Cause Dually Executed This 19th Day Of April And Signed By Me, The Proud Chairman. Congratulations, And Thanks For All You Guys Do. [ Applause ]

Frank Mann: Let's Do Some Picture Taking Here.

Frank Mann: Who Is The Spokesperson Or Persons?

It's Good To Be Here Again. This Is Our 24th Year Of -- With The Letter Carriers Picking Up Food Nationally. This Is A National Food Drive. If You Know Anyone Who Might Be A Seasonal Resident And Going Back Up To Michigan Or Wisconsin Or Whatever, Let Them Know They Can Put Food Out There On May 14th, And First Of All, I Want To Thank You For The Recognition Because The Best Way To Make This A Success Is To Get The Word Out. Just Let People Know, Because The People Of Lee County We Have Found Over The Years Are Supremely Generous, And If They Know That There's A Cause, They'll Want To Be Behind It, And They'll Help Out. Last Year We Collected Over 400,000 Pounds Of Food In Lee County Alone. The Letter Carriers Food Drive Has Collected Over The Past 24 Years Over 1.4 Billion Pounds. You Figure 74.6 Pounds In The Whole Country, Last Year Alone, And Over Half A Million Of That Was Right Here In Lee County. What Does That Say About Lee County? I Mean, This Is A Great Place To Be. It's A Great Place To Work. I Just Want To Thank The Help I Get From My Postmaster And Phil And Joyce And It's Just A Good Team, And I Hope To Be Doing It Again For Next Year And Many More Years To Come. Thank You Very Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You, George. Thank You Very Much. [ Applause ]

Frank Mann: Congratulations To These Wonderful People That Make Lee County An Even Better Place To Live Every Day.

Good Morning. I'm Stephanie Figueiroa From Human Resources From Lee County Board Of Commissioners. I'm Accompanied By Lee Elgins And Our County Measuring Roger Desjarlais. We're Here To The Award For All Eligible Employees For The First Quarter Of -- These Awards Represent 2,035 Years Of Service To Government. For Those Employees Present, As I Call Out Your Name, Please Move Forward To Receive Your Pin And Greet The Commissioners And County Administration. Please Remain Off To The Side In Order To Take A Group Photo At The End. As I Start Calling Each Group By Years Of Service, I Ask For Everyone In That Group To Congregate In The Back. Let's Get Started With Our Five-Year Recipient. With Five Years Of Service Edwin Adorno, Facility Construction And Management. [ Applause ]

Shane Bergmom, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]

Craig Brooks, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ] Wayne Lewis, Facilities Construction And Management. [ Applause ]

Pete Santana, Animals Services. [ Applause ]

Benjamin Wilson, Transit. [ Applause ]

May I Now Have Our Ten-Year Recipients Please Begin To Congregate In The Back. With Ten Years Of Service Elizabeth Coleman, Solid Waste. [ Applause ]

Honeywell Cortez, Solid Waste. Donny Day, D.O.T. Traffic. [ Applause ]

Family French, Facilities Construction And Management. [ Applause ]

Lisa Harner, Visitors And Convention Bureau. [ Applause ]

Shawna Hoff, Natural Resources. [ Applause ]

Keith Howard, Solid Waste. [ Applause ]

Robert Milee, D.O.T. Tolls. [ Applause ]

Barbara Milo, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]

Pat Connor, D.O.T. Traffic. [ Applause ]

Alfred Semetal, Utilities. [ Applause ]

-- Potter, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]

Casey Willins, County Commissioners. [ Applause ]

Rebecca Sanders, Solid Waste. [ Applause ]

Zane Sanford, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]

Molly Schweers, Solid Waste. [ Applause ]

Sean Pitford, Transit. [ Applause ]

Adam Thompson, Public Safety. [ Applause ]

Christy Malone, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]

Daniel Wiser, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Richard Walters, Facility Construction And Management. [ Applause ]

With 15 Years Of Service, Beginning To Congregate. It's A Big Group This Week.

Sharon -- Public Safety. [ Applause ]  
Henry Baroso, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Seneca Bain, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Maurio Buchamp, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Cab Raro Montalo, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Larry Campanelli, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Daniel Chapman, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Todd Safety, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Cliff Clay, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]  
Zane Cole, Natural Resources. [ Applause ]  
Keith Crow's Foot Angelou, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Selma Davis, Office Of The County Manager. [ Applause ]  
Dustin Dodd, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Edward Elliott, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
James Emelhart, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Nick Sorazo, Public Safety. [ Applause ]  
Donald Grim, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Michael Hansinger, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Damon Hardy, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Robert Hatsinger, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
William Hobbs, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Bradley Johnson, Utilities. [ Applause ]  
Ken Johnston, D.O.T. Toll. [ Applause ]  
Richard Johnston, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Anor Camuni, Natural Resources. [ Applause ]

Kenneth Blaine, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Robert Messino, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Ted Lasson, D.O.T. Traffic. [ Applause ]

Eugene Mccartney, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Human Resources. [ Applause ]

Maury Miller, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Thomas Orock, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Amelio Aleva, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Sarah Parker, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Lewis Ferrell, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Randy Sims, Dcd Development Services. [ Applause ]

Tasha Stokes, D.O.T. Tolls. [ Applause ]

Kay Stott, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Duane Tag, Utilities. [ Applause ]

Ian Boller, Public Safety. [ Applause ]

Bradley Wright, Fleet Management. [ Applause ]

Carrie Wright, Utilities. [ Applause ]

May I Have Our 20-Year Recipients Please Begin Cogregating. With 20 Years Of Service

Vera Parks, Parks And Recreation. [ Applause ]

Rebecca Flora, Parks And Recreation.

Andrew Goetz, D.O.T. Engineering.

Alex Rodriguez, Facilities Construction And Management.

Catherine Sosa, Utilities.

With 25 Years Of Service,

Darrell Coulter, Facilities Construction And Management.

Haddie Koran, Human Services.

Norman Dufrend, Facilities Construction And Management.

Sorry.

Tim Green, Parks And Recreation.

Janet Miller, Dcd Administrative And Support.

Kevin Pagget, Parks And Recreation.

Mitch Price, Public Safety.

Brenda Eva, Human Resources.

May I Have Our 30 Year Recipients Begin Congregating In The Back. With 30 Years Of Service

Ann Bradley, Library.

Stacy Cardona, Parks And Recreation.

Darren Hammond, Library.

Susan Hollingsworth, D.C.D. Development Services.

Carrie Porter, Parks And Recreation.

And Last But Not Least, We Have Two Other Award Recipients This Morning.

Christine Brady With Ten Years Of Service.

And Last But Not Least, With 25 Years Of Service, Dave Harner. [ Applause ]

Congratulations To All Of Our Recipients. Thank You For All Of Your Hard Work. I Know The Hardest Part Might Be Us Getting Together For A Group Photo. One Group Photo. Congratulations. Have A Good Day.

Frank Mann: This Is A Larger Crowd Than Normal.

I'm Going Backwards.

Okay. We Can Proceed With The Agenda. I Got Item 15 That Needs To Be Deferred. I Need A Motion For That.

Moved.

Second.

Frank Mann: Motion And Second To Defer Item Number 15. Is There Discussion, Objection? Show That Adopted Without Objection. And Just To Announce We Have A Walk-On Today And A Carry-Over. Then We'll Be With Commissioner Items Later On. Let's Now Look To Items To Be Pulled By The Board Itself. Mr. Manning. Mr. Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: None.

Frank Mann: I Have None.

Brian Hamman: 13.

Frank Mann: 13. I'm Going To Try A Little Procedure Here That I Have Carved Out For Myself, And I Said Am I Doing Any Damage If I Make Some Notes And Take Some Of These In A Slightly Different Sequence, But We're Not Changing Any Total Items. Number 13. Hamman. Now, Are There Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On Any Item On The Consent Agenda This Morning? Any Item Whatsoever On The Consent Agenda? Well, Seeing None, Don't Worry About The Way I Was Going To Take These Items. I Could Take A Motion To Move The Balance On The Consent Agenda. So Moved By Commissioner Hamman. Second By Commissioner Pendergrass. You Guys Look Alike. About The Same Age. Manning, Pendergrass. Discussion, Objection? Hearing None, Show It Adopted.

Brian Hamman: Thank You, Mr. Chairman. I Wanted To Pull Item Number 13 For A Quick Discussion. Mr. County Manager, Can You Introduce That Item Real Quick?

Good Morning, Commissioners. Christine Brady. This Is A Single Source Annual Maintenance For Equipment For The Library System. Sibley Becca Is Now The Provider For The Actual Maintenance. Because We've Already Invested In The Equipment, That's Why We're Asking For The Single Source Because This Is For The Ongoing Maintenance.

Brian Hamman: Commissioners, Really I Have No Problem With The Approving Of The Maintenance Contract Today. Just Wanted To Make One Minor Amendment To The Motion Here That's Being Requested. I Would Like To Move Approval After, Of Course, We Take Public Comment, But I Plan To Move Approval Without The 10% Annual Expenditure Authority. That 10% Annual Increase In The Expenditure Allowance That We Were Being Asked To Provide Here In The Blue Sheet Is Just A Little Too Much To Me. If We're Going To See A 10% Increase, I Would Like To See That Come Back To The Board With A Justification In The Future. Other Than That, That's All I Have To Say On It.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Hamman, I Too Had Questioned Staff About That 10%. It Seems A Little Inordinate. Frequently In Our Contracts We'll Include 3%, But When I Asked Mr. Desjarlais About It, He Thought It Might Include Some Other Items. I Would Like To

Ask Staff's Response To That 10% And Why It Does Seem Different, And Did It Include Some Other Items?

No, It Didn't Include Any Other Items At This Point. We Have Another Agreement With Them For Actual Purchase Of Inventory Equipment. We're More Than Happy To Move Forward With This Without The 10%, And If There's Something That Would Come Up As Far As Cost Increases In The Future, We're More Than Happy To Bring That Back To The Board.

Frank Mann: Further Questions By The Commission? Are There Members Of The Public That Would Like To Comment On This Item That's Been Pulled From The Consent Agenda? Seeing None, Back To The Commission, And I Would Move The Item With The Amendment To Strike The 10%.

Brian Hamman: Yeah. I Would Like To Move Approval Without The 10% And The Annual Expenditure Increase.

Frank Mann: Is There A Second?

Cecil Pendergrass: I'll Second That.

Frank Mann: Further Discussion On The Motion? Is There Objection To The Motion? Show It Adopted. We Are Moving Right Along For Sure Here.

Brian Hamman: Thank You, Mr. Chairman.

Frank Mann: Public Hearings. Number One. Mr. Jacob, You Want To Bring Us Into That One?

Good Morning, Michael Jacob, On Assistant County Attorney. I Have Your One Public Hearing. I've Reviewed The Affidavit Of Publication, And It Is Legally Sufficient. Put That Into The Record Now. This Is The Final Public Hearing On The Approval Of Development Agreement With The Place, The Corkscrew Farms Development Project. If You Have Any Questions, I'm Here To Answer Those. We Also Have Members Of The Property Owner Available As Well.

Frank Mann: Any Questions Of Counsel? None. Members Of The Public That Are Here To Present On This Item? Is The Applicant Here, Do You Have Any Further Comments Or Would You Like To Move Right Along? Come Forward. Introduce Yourself.

Good Morning. My Name Is Cathleen Fitzgerald. I'm The President Of The Wildcat Run Community Association, And I Just Wanted To Present That We Are Not Opposed To The Project. We Are Sensitive To The Impact Potentially On Corkscrew Road. We Understand That There Are Some Provisions In The Applicant's Proposal That Might Help Us Improve Safety On Cork Screw. Thank You.

Frank Mann: You Said Stephanie --



Cathleen.

Frank Mann: I'm Sorry. I Heard Stephanie. I'm Looking At Cathleen.

Thank You.

Frank Mann: Good To Have You With Us. Thank You For Your Comments. Further Comments?

Thank You, Mr. Commissioners. My Name Is Kevin Toliver. I'm From The Preserve At Cork Screw. I'm The President Of The Master Association There. I Actually Spoke At The Last Hearing, And We Also Have No Objection To The Project Whatsoever, And Also, I -- The Important Issue Here Is That We Would Like To Facilitate Some Of The Improvements That The Companies Have Proposed To Make Along Cork Screw Road To Mitigate Some Of The Serious Traffic Problems We Have, So We Would Just Request That This Be Expedited As Quickly As Possible.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Are There Other Members Of The Public That Would Like To Be Heard On This Public Hearing Item? Mr. Camerotta, How About You Guys? We're Going To Miss Y'all Around Here.

I'm Sure We'll Be Back. The Farms And The Place Project, And I'm Here To Answer Any Questions You Have Regarding Our Developer.

Frank Mann: I Think We've Run Out Of Questions. Is That All? How About Your Sidekick? Nope? Thank You Very Much. Further Members Of The Public? Hearing None, Back To The Board For --

Cecil Pendergrass: I'll Move The Item.

Brian Hamman: Second.

Frank Mann: I Have A Motion By Pendergrass And A Second By Hamman. Is There Discussion Or Objection To It? So Adopted Unanimously. Thank You, Guys, For All Your Patience, And Members Of The Public That's Testified, Thank You For Your Involvement In This And Your Working With And Finding Out Things Of Importance To Your Groups And Neighbors And We Need That Type Of Public Participation, And It Helps This Process. Thank You Very, Very Much. This Is Passed, And I'm Sure We Will See You Guys Again, But Thanks For Being Here With Us This Morning. For Your Patience As You Struggle Through The Process. You're Excused. Unless You Just Enjoy Government. Walk-Ones? Walk-Ones? They Ought To Write A Song With That Title.

Brian Hamman: You Should Sing It.

Frank Mann: With Hope In Your Heart And You'll Never Walk Alone. Commissioner -- I Mean, Counsellor, Is This You? No.

Yes, Sir. As Long As I'm Not Going To Be Called Upon To Sing.

Frank Mann: No, No, No, No. I'll Do The Singing For All Of Us. Thank You.

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, With Your Indulgence, The Walk-On Item Pertains To A Resolution Of The Years Of Litigation Between Lee County And Several Other Counties And The Department Of Juvenile Justice. Commissioners, As You'll Recall, This Matter Was The Subject Of Great Litigation And Also Compromise And Resolution. The Resolution And Compromise Was Reflected In Chapter 2016-152 Florida Statutes That Sets The New Funding Formula Between Counties And The State For Juvenile Detention Costs. That Statute That I Just Cited Calls Upon Each Litigant County To Dismiss And Waive Claims That It May Have Against The Department Of Juvenile Justice In Order To Carry Out That Statute. We're Requesting -- Respectfully Requesting Authorization For The Chairman And Our Office To Execute Necessary Documents To Dismiss All Pending Litigation As Called For By The Statute.

Cecil Pendergrass: Move The Item, Mr. Chairman.

Brian Hamman: I'll Second It.

Frank Mann: I Have A Motion To Second. Any Questions Of Counsel? Any Discussion? I'm Sorry.

Brian Hamman: Public Input.

Frank Mann: I'm Sorry. Any Members Of The Public Feel Obligated To Weigh In On This Subject? Hearing None, Back To The Board.

Cecil Pendergrass: Thank You, Commissioner Manning. I Know Thank You, Commissioner Manning, For Working With The Associates Of This County. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You For All Of Us. Thank You, Commissioner Pendergrass, For Pointing Out Commissioner Manning's Diligence And Bringing It To We Are Finally Today. It's A Good Step Forward. Objection To The Motion?

John Manning: It Doesn't Look Like --

Frank Mann: I'm Sorry. New Glasses I Have On Upside Down. Objection? Hearing No Objections, The Motion Passes For Walk-On. Carry-Over. Yeah. We're One Carrying. Mr. Desjarlais.

Thank You.

Commissioners, This Is An Item To Authorize Hiring Of A Consultant And His Sub-Consultants To Investigate The Implementation Of An Aquafir Storage Afr Well At The -- For The Fiesta Village For Reduced Water For Future Use.

If You Would Like The History, We Deferred This Because There Were Questions Regarding The Expense. Not Only Of The Consultants Contract, But Also The Expense Of The A.S.R. Well Itself. We Wanted To Come Back And Clarify Some Of The Critical Issues Regarding This And Turning -- Including Any Return On Investment. Just For An Overview, Utilities Typically Looks At These Capital Projects Either As Capacity Driven, Regulatory Driven, And/Or Efficiency Or Other. This Falls Under The Other. This Is Basically An Environmental Driven Project. Several Years Ago Utilities Made The Goal Of Reducing Discharge Into The River By As Much As Possible. This Particular Water Is Treated Waste Water Which Can Be Utilized In The Irrigation System And The Reuse Water Irrigation System. Unfortunately, When It's Available, It Doesn't Always Line Up With When You Need It. What We're Trying To Do Is Look At The Possibility Of Storing This Treated Waste Water In An A.S.R. Well, Being Able To Recover It When It Is Needed, And Then Being Able To Use It In A Beneficial Manner, Beneficial To The Environment, And Beneficial To The Constituents That Need Irrigation Water. This Is The First Step In This Study, Which Really Is Environmental Driven. It Does Have Financial Components. It Does Have A Long Pay-Back In Terms Of Return On Investment, But Really, Like I Said, The Foremost Reason With Going Forward With This Is To Reduce Discharge Into The River.

Frank Mann: I Had A Couple Of Questions On This, And Doug Has Mostly Answered Them. This Is A \$994 -- Just Under \$1 Million Item. The Contract Was Ch2m To Get Us Moving On A Project. My First Question Was Does Somebody -- Is Someone Holding A Gun To Our Head, Forcing Us To Do This Because We're Violating Something Environmentally? The Answer I Got Was No, They're Not, But It's A Matter Of Policy And The Continual Discharge Of Treated Water Into The Caloosahatchee. As A Long-Term Policy, We Should Try To Wean Ourselves From That, But I Was Also Told There Was Some Side Benefits Maybe On The Tmdl's And, Roland, If You Could Comment On What We Are Also Getting. This Is Not Just The \$1 Million. The Aquafer Storage Project -- The Wells Are Usually \$5 Million To \$8 Million In Costs. We're Just Starting Off The First Piece Of An Expensive Project Here. Our Other Benefits Would Be, Roland?

Roland, Natural Resources. There Will Be Credits. I Believe There's About 1,500 Pounds Of Total Nitrogen Discharged To The River On An Annual Basis That We'll Be Able To Remove From The River And That We'll Likewise Get Tmdl Credit, And That Will Equate To A Project Well Over \$1 Million In Projects. This Is Certainly A Benefit To The Tmdl.

Frank Mann: It's A Long-Term Recovery In Terms Of Cost. I Mean, Many Years. We Have Immediate Likelihood Of Getting Tmdl Credits, Which Are Critically Important In Our Overall Effort To Clean Up The Water. Any Other Questions On This? I Would Accept A Motion.

Brian Hamman: I'll Move Approval.

Frank Mann: Motion By Hamman And Second By Manning. Neither Lookalike. Further Discussion, Objection To It? Show It Adopted Unanimously. Very Good. That Completes Our Agenda As Far As Business At Hand. Commissioner Items. Let's Take Items First. Commissioner Manning.

John Manning: None.

Frank Mann: Pendergrass.

Cecil Pendergrass: I Have One. Lately Throughout The Community We've Been Talking To Different People About The Pennies For Progress, And Obviously Very Concerned With The Community Of Education Of Children, Quality Of Life, And Property And Crime. I Thought Maybe I Would Bring It Up Today To See If There's Consensus On The Board To Having A Future Workshop To Talking More To The Group That's Bringing This Forward. I Know The 27th Of This Month There's A Forum Hosted To Have People There From Other Counties That Currently Practice This Now With The Children And Services Council, And To Give An Update Of What They Do In Other Counties, And It Would Also Be A Workshop We Could Talk About It Publicly In The Sunshine Bill. Is There Consensus To Have A Future Workshop To Talk About The Progress, What Their Choices Are As Far As Either In The City, Village, Or County-Wide? Is There A Reference To The Ballot Or Petitions? We Can Put It On The Ballot Ourselves?

Frank Mann: Other Commissioners?

Brian Hamman: I Don't Object To A Workshop, Mr. Chairman. You Know, I Certainly Have Some Thoughts On How I Think The Group Could Go Forward In A Successful Manner. I Think It's Got To Be A Community-Driven Effort. This Is Something That Affects The Whole Community. They Have A Great Deal Of Momentum, And I Don't Think Qualifying By Petition On The Ballot Would Be A Heavy Lift With The Momentum That They Have, And I Think That Would Be A Great Way For This To Move Forward. Happy To Have A Workshop If That Helps Them Even Get The Word Out About Their Cause.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Manning, Any Thoughts?

John Manning: None.

Frank Mann: It's A Noble Project. It Would Ultimately Require For The Benefit Of The Public To Maybe Listing An Item Going On A Referendum Ballot For Approval To Commit Some Portion Of A Mill To Saving The Children In A County That You Can't Look At The News Any Day And Not Recognize That We Have Issues With Our Young People That We Are Not Effectively Dealing With As We Might. This Group Has Come Together To Push For This. I Think At The Very Least The Workshop Would Give Them Additional Publicity That They're Seeking To Gain In Trying To Get The Message -- Get The Word Out On What They're Trying To Accomplish For The Benefit Of The County. Commissioner Pendergrass, Thank

You For Bringing This Forward. Staff, If You Will Just Take Note And Govern Yourselves Accordingly And Set This As Soon As We Can.

John Manning: Commissioner, Two Questions. You Said As Soon As We Can.

You May Have Answered That On Behalf Of The Board. We Have A Full Workshop Schedule Right Now, So We'll Have To Decide What To Bump Or Have A Workshop In An Off Week.

Frank Mann: Let Me Ask Council. Since This Will Involve An Item That May Have To Go To Ballot, And They Might Be Wanting Our Assistance If They Can't Get Their Number Signed, What Is The Latest? Remind Me What's The --

Cecil Pendergrass: 18.

Frank Mann: Okay. No Panic.

Cecil Pendergrass: Not A Bit That They're -- That's The Other Timeline Issue. If We Could Jump On It A Day Like In May, May 3rd, May 17th, And Add It To The Line Agenda For A Workshop In The Next Few Months To Go Over What Council Does And Who Would Be In Charge, Who Would Be Allocating The Money. We Can Meet With The Groups And Talk About How It Would Function. It Would Be Good For All Of Us To Talk About It And See How It Functions.

Frank Mann: I Think Staff Has Latitude Now To Work On This. As Soon As Practical So We Don't Overcrowd An Agenda And Give These People Fair Amount Of Time So They Can Make A Point.

I Think Commissioner Chair And Commissioner Pendergrass Just Answered My Question.

Frank Mann: Commissioner Hamman?

Brian Hamman: I Have None.

Frank Mann: I Wanted To Just Get A Consensus If It's Here. The Lady Came And Spoke To Us About Whether We Would Offer Our Opinion About The Bear Hunting That Began Last Year And Give An Opinion As To Whether We Think That's A Great Idea Or Not A Great Idea. I Think You're Aware That The City Of Cape Coral Spoke To It The Other Day. Other Cities Have. The Question Is Do You Want To Set This For A Blue Sheet Item To Adopt The Resolution That They Have Been Carrying Around, Or Do You Want To Just Say We're Not Going To Involve Ourselves In The Business Of The Game And Fish Department? I'm Looking For Some Thoughts.

Brian Hamman: Mr. Chairman, I'll -- I Would Like To Say That I'll Yield To The Will Of The Board, Whatever They Wish To Do On This. I Think We've Got A Really Good Thing Going Here, Though, Because We Stick To The Business Of Lee County At Our Meetings, And We've Been A Very Efficient Board. This Is Not Our Fight. It's Not Even A Home Rule Issue,

Something That We Have Authority Over. If That Is The Case, I Don't See That It's Necessary For Us To Interject Ourselves Into A Controversy That We're Not Part Of.

Frank Mann: Other Comments?

Cecil Pendergrass: I Personally -- The Way I See It Now There's Currently A Legal Issue Of Black Bear Hunt Of The Fjdc Controls. My Question To The County Attorney, If A Resolution Came From Us, What Does That Give, Any Type Of Power? Does The Florida State Law --

Yes, Sir. Any Resolution Coming From This Board Would Be Merely Advisory To The State Of Florida On The Issue.

Cecil Pendergrass: So No Authority To The State?

No, Sir.

Cecil Pendergrass: If We Wanted To Send Letters, We Could Do That From Our Offices, But The Formal Resolution Has No Authority To Tell The State To Do Anything?

Correct.

Frank Mann: I Will Simply Say That I Do Not Support Bear Hunting Myself. I've Been A Hunter All My Life And Certainly Never Hunted Bears. I Really Don't Think There's Enough Of Them To Be Shooting Them Down, And Apparently The Hunting From All We've Heard Or Read Doesn't Really Have Any Impact On The Bear Trouble In Neighborhoods. It Doesn't Solve That Problem, Which A Problem Still Exists, And There Are Items, Ordinances, Et Cetera, That Can Take Care Of Having Bear Approved Garbage Cans, That Sort Of Thing. Other Ways To Deal With That. This Is -- I Have -- I Share What I'm Hearing Here. It's Only -- If We Adopted A Resolution, It Would Only Be Advisory To The Game And Fish Department. We'll Listen To That, And Some Other Public Input From Around The State, But We Can't Deal With It Locally Ourselves. Staff Advising Me Before The Meeting That There Were No Bears Killed In Lee County In The Hunt Last Year, So It's Hard To Say It's A Lee County Issue. I Don't Sense A Strong Urgency Here To Involve Ourselves. Hearing None, Let's Move On. I Did Want To Discuss It. Thank You Very Much. That Leaves Us With County Manager. Appointments? You Have Some Appointments? We Have No Appointments This Morning. County Manager?

Nothing This Morning, Chair. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Would You Please Touch On The Issue That You And I Were Discussing Yesterday And Today In My Office About Your Meeting Of North And The Governor's Office So The Public Is Aware Of The Dialogue That Has Begun?

Yes, Sir. I Have Discussed This With Each Of You In Your Offices, And I'm Going To Start Off By Saying This Is About Due Diligence. That There Have Been No -- There Have Been

No Agreements Made, No Guarantees Of Participation, And It's Going To Be A Fairly Lengthy Process To Even Evaluate, And That Is The Babcock Ranch Developer Has Offered Up Potentially Offered Some Land For What Amounts To An Amateur Sports Complex, Baseball In Particular. It Would Be Rather Large In Scope. At The Moment 35 And 40 Baseball Fields, And It Would Be To Accommodate Mostly Adult Amateur Sports Starting With Perfect Game And Some Of The Others. If We Were To Participate, That Would Increase Our Inventory Of Venues For Continuing To Grow Amateur Sports. On Monday Of Last Week Dave Harner And I Met In Tallahassee With The Developer And The Florida Public Transportation And A Member Of The Governor's Office And Discussed The Four Laning Of State Road 31 And Replacement Of The Bridge At The Marin 31, The Draw Bridge. To Go From Draw Bridge To A Four-Lane Bridge. That's, I Guess, The Crux Of It. One Of The Things -- The State Department Of Transportation, Florida Department Of Transportation Did Talk About Advanced Funding Some Of Their -- What Would Be Their Responsibility In The Case Of The Bridge Replacement. I Guess That's The Extent Of It.

Cecil Pendergrass: What Part Of This Project -- What You Touched On Is The 31 And Bridge Improvement Being Done By The Ftoc, And That's Part Of Our -- Long-Range Transition With The County For Replacement Of The Bridge And The Road. This Will Expedite The Process With The Funding.

Frank Mann: That's A State Bridge.

Yes, Sir.

Frank Mann: The Reason That I Want To Just Make Certain The Public Is Aware Of These Conversations Going On, My Concern About The Bridge Is It's A Certain Age Already, Yes, And There Will Be Concern About Bridge Replacement, Although It's Not Critical On The State's List, It's My Understanding Right Now, That It Has To Be Replaced. Not Near So Critical. I Think It's The One At The Beach, For Instance. We Were Talking About This The Other Day. Just Simply Replacing That Bridge With Another Two-Lane Bridge When We Do It, When The State Does It, Is Not Going To Get The Job Done Because You Have The Mostly Approved Project Of Mr. Kittinon Partners, And It's A Community That Will Ultimately Produce 50,000 Or Thereabouts Residents And A Similar Amount Of Traffic. That Will Force The Four-Lane Of That Bridge. You Can't Think About Just Rebuilding It And Not Rebuilding It In The Anticipation Of That Subdivision Coming On-Line At Some Point. I'm Aware Of That. I Have Spoken Oftentimes About How I Think It's Leapfrog Urban Sprawl To Put The Development There. That Discussion Is Pretty Well Over As To Whether That Development Ought To Go There Or Not. The Regional Planning Council Has Signed Off On It. The State Has Issued A Bunch Of Permits Already. Lee County Has Touched On It, And It's Not Officially Objected In Any Significant Way. I Asked As The District Commissioner Where That Impact Is Coming And Have Accepted All Of That, Even Though I Disagree With The Project Itself, But What I Have Insisted On Is The Impact Of That Development Be Paid For By The Developer, And The Developer Of The Hearing Have Said, Yes, We're Prepared To

Do That. I've Even Supported The Community -- The C.D.D. -- What Do You Call It? The Development District. Did The Legislature Pass That This Year? The C.D.D. For The Lee County Portion? We Have Signed Off On A No Objection To That, Which I Supported Because That Gives The Developer A Revenue Source By Taxing The People In That District To Pay For This. The Conversation At This Point Is, As I Understand It From Roger And Please Correct Me If I'm Misstating Any Of This, Is That The Developer Has Asked The Governor's Office To See If They Can Find A Source Of Revenue From The State That They Could Utilize Now With A Payback From The Developer Later On. The Initial Conversation Was That That May Be Possible, And I'm Thinking We're Probably Going To Have People Question That There Seems To Be A Very Low Interest Loan Arrangement. They're Probably Going To Question Whether That, In Essence, Is A Subsidy To The Construction Of The Subdivision Out There. I Think We're Going To Have Some Public Input Before It's All Over. I Want This All On The Table So Everybody Knows What We're Talking About. Ultimately, The Discussions Initially Here Have Clarified That The Developer Will Have To Pay It Back And Fulfill The Obligation For The Need To Four-Lane The Bridge Still Rests With The Developer.

When You And I Spoke About It Yesterday, I Misspoke About The Bridge And The -- That Is A State Project. The Developer's Obligation Is For The Four-Lane Of State Road 31 And The Potential Use Of The State-Owned Infrastructure Bank Loan To The Developer Applies To The Four-Laning Of State Road 31. Not The Bridge.

Frank Mann: Well, My Point Would Be This. There Is Absolutely No Need To Four-Lane The 31 Bridge.

I Just Wanted To Be Accurate.

Frank Mann: It Is More Than Adequate For The Traffic Today Or Any Anticipated Until You Plug In The Impact Of The Kitson Development Out There And 50,000 Residences. That Will, In Fact, Force A Four-Lane, And It Was My Understanding That Ultimately That Will Also Be An Obligation Of The Developer. I've Asked Council To Do A Little Review On This On The C.D.D. And The Trigger Date, When The Developer Would Have To Start Paying Something Back On This If It Comes Alone. Whether It's Just The Four-Laning. I Can't Believe That That Four Lane Would Add A Little Bit And Would Be The \$40 Million Something We Were Talking About. I Thought That Would Have Had To Involve The Bridge Itself, But We're Not Going To Resolve All That Today, But I Wanted Everybody To Know What The Commissioner And The District Is Concerned About. I'll Pose One Last Time By Saying What I Said A Number Of Times. The Positive Impact Of This Development In Terms Of Taxes Or Impact Fees Benefits Charlotte County Because That's Where The Development Is, But It's Only Four Miles North Of Lee County. The Impact Of That Development During Construction As Well As Ultimate Build-Out Is On Lee County Because We Are Much Closer In Terms Of Building Materials And Carpenters And Tradesmen And Craftsmen And All The Traffic Will Be Generated Much Closer Than Anything In Punta Gordo To This Work Site.



They Get The Impact Revenue. We Get The Impact. To The Extent I Can Minimize That Impact, Particularly The People In The Eastern Part Of The County, That's My Little Sermon That Some Of You Heard Before, And All Of You Will Hear Again From Time To Time. There's A Dialogue Going On, And I Want The World To Know About It.

Chairman, I Apologize. I Do Have A Reappointment.

John Manning: I Forgot About It.

Frank Mann: Back To Appointments.

John Manning: This Is For Sore Eveno For The Grant Association.

Frank Mann: Show Adopted Without Objection. Anything Else?

Cecil Pendergrass: You Are Talking Development Within Charlotte County. The Project Roger Was Talking About Was For The Perfect Game, Which Is In Lee County. It Would Be Constructed In Lee County, Along With The Hotels And The Facilities. Lee County Would Obtain Them And The Fees Within All The Development Within Lee County?

Correct.

Cecil Pendergrass: That Is Currently What The Plan Is In Lee County As Far As Hotels, Restaurants, And The Purpose Of The Four-Lane Of The Road Is Also The Bridge To Take The Impact South Of The Lee County, Correct?

Just To Set It Correctly, Technically I Don't Know If That's Exactly Right, But In Concept, Yes.

Cecil Pendergrass: Okay. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Fitson And Company Wants To Develop Part Of What They Own In Lee County. Obviously, Those Are To The Benefit Of The Impact Fees. 45% Of The Eligible Impact Fees Would Be To The Benefit Of Lee County. That Pales In Comparison To The Major Development, And It Pales In Significance To What's Going To Generate The Need For The Four-Lane Of The 31 Bridge. It's Just A Discussion That Needs To Be Really Visible And Transparent. All Those Kind Of Good Words When We're Talking About Government Up Here.

Brian Hamman: You Are Saying Amateur Ball Fields. These Aren't Stadiums? These Are Amateur Fields That Locals Would Have Access To?

Yes, Sir.

Brian Hamman: Okay.

Frank Mann: And That's A Healthy Dialogue, And I Have No Problem With That. It Would Involve The Developer Donating Some Property To Lee County Where We Could Utilize For These Kind Of Things That Would Fit With Our Overall Athletic Program And Then Parks And Recreation Program Here. That Is Not My Concern. Out Of Those Conversations It Suddenly Grew To A Conversation About Four-Laning Roads And Four-Laning Bridges, And That's When It Got My Attention. I Said, Boy, Let's At Least Make It Transparent And Let The World Know What's Going On Here. Thank You For Letting Me Get On To That. Work Session. Public Presentation Matters By Anybody Here On Any Subject Except Workshop? We're Going To Talk About Workshop Next. Anybody Want To Speak To Us On Any Subject Dear To Their Heart? Yes, Ma'am. You Need To Come Up And Talk Into The Microphone And Identify Yourself. Thank You For Being With Us This Morning. You've Got To Come In On Bears.

My Name Is Marilyn K. Carrie, And I Was Here Back In March. We Thought That We Would Be On Today's Agenda. We Were Told That The Council Did Not Have A Place For Us Following The Time That We Presented, But We Might Be On Today's Agenda, But We're Not. So We're Here Again To Remind You That We Are Here. Lee County Is Directly Affected By All That's Going On In The Wilderness. Misplaced My Notes. I Believe There Was A Bear Killed In This County Within The Past Year. I Can Get You The Facts On That. Again, I Am A Lee County Resident For 30 Years. I've Been Not Only A Resident, But I'm Also A Native American, And That Carries Some Weight With Me As Far As Energy That I Will Go And Fight For Our Wilderness And Our Land. We've Been Here Over 10,000 Years, And I Believe We Need To See Some Kind Of Respect For Our Wildlife And Our Wilderness. I Was Outraged Upon Hearing Of The Slaughter Of Bears In October 24th And 25th. We Speak Of The Governor And The Bridges And Things Going To The Babcock Area And Stadiums. This Is Where Our Wildlife Lives. This Is Directly For Lee County. In October 24th And 25th Of 2015 I Was Outraged To See The Slaughter Of Bears Which Left Many Cubs Without Mothers. What Kind Of Society Does This? 320 Bears Were Killed In Two Days. Corn Seen In Their Mouths, And This Flags Baiting, And The Majority Were Killed On Private Land Where There Is No One There To Regulate, But The Corn In The Mouth Showed These Bears Were Just -- Walked Right Into The Gunfire. This Isn't Hunting. There Were An Estimated 86 Lactating Mother Bears Killed, And This Was A Site That We Can Verify, And Our Group Has Stopped The Hunt Two Days Rather Than Seven Days. That's Because We Had Monitors Go Through The Entire State Of Florida At Every Checkpoint. Every Checkpoint Had Monitors By The Citizens, And This Verified The Cubs -- There Were Nine Cubs Killed. There Were Some Estimates Of 300 To 400 Cubs Left In The Woods To Die Without A Mother Because They Were Still Lactating. They Needed Their Mother For Survival.

Frank Mann: I See That Your Little Red Light Is On.

I Have So Much To Say, And We Need To Be Heard. Cape Coral Heard Us.

Frank Mann: We've Heard Your Message Before, And You're Welcome Back, And We Allowed You The Time That We Normally Would. You Heard Our Previous Discussion. Let Me Mention For The Record That Commissioner Kiker Has A Little Medical Issue He Is Dealing With This Morning. That's Why He Could Not Be With Us. If You Would Like To Talk To Any One Of Us Individually, You Know That You Need At Least Three Votes For You To Bring This Back To Us For An Official Vote On Whether Or Not To Adopt Your Resolution. If You Think You Have Accomplished That By Follow-Up With The Commissioners Individually, Then, I Mean, We Meet Every Other Tuesday Anyway. Perhaps We Can Bring It Up At That Time. If It Seems To Be A Majority That You Can Claim In Order To Ask Us To Bring It Up Again. A Little Delicate How You Go About That, But You Might Want To Ask The Commissioner That's Not Here Today. Thank You For Both Twice Being Here. As You Know I Have Said, I Support Where You Are. The Consensus Seemed To Be That We Just Didn't Feel Like The County Commission Had A Role To Constitutionally Establish State Agency What They Should Be Doing.

When The People --

Frank Mann: Thank You Very Much. I'm Sorry. Thank You For Being With Us Again This Morning. I Was Just Handed A Card By Stephanie Eller. Stephanie. Quickly. Then Charlie, I'm Sorry, I'll Get To You Too. Ms. Eller.

I'm Stephanie Eller. I Live In North Fort Myers, And I Have Been Watching That You All Have Been Trying To Do Some Things To Help Us To Reinvigorate The Economy. I Recently Saw That You Were Going To Approve \$50,000 For A Study, And The --

Frank Mann: Already Approved.

Excuse Me. Yes, That's Correct. What I Noticed Was That With All These Public-Private Partnerships That We've Had, I Had Trouble Finding -- I Found Some Old News Stories, And I'll Just Go Over A Few. Algal. Lee \$10,000. I Think There Was A Sending. Again, On Gateway Boulevard. Claremont Was \$300,000 On College Parkway. D.R. Labs Was \$5 Million On Bonita Beach Road. Chico's On Metro Parkway. Perth Was \$4 Million On Williams Road. Center Link From \$250,000 In Bonita Springs, And Then There Were Subsidies For The Commuter Group By Bonita Springs, And Universal Trailer, And The Comments Read Neither North Fort Myers Or Lehigh Is Represented In The Public-Private Partnerships. My Thoughts Are If We Are Going To Be Involved In These, Which The Constitution -- State Constitution Calls Into Question Whether Or Not We Should Even Be Doing That Because Article 3, Section 10 Says That As Far As Credit Neither The State Nor Any County, School District, Municipality, Special District Or Agency Or Any Of Them Shall Become A Joint Owner With Or Stockholder Of Or Give, Lend, Or Use Taxing Power Or Credit To Aid Any Corporation, Association, Partnership, Or, But This Shall Not Prohibit Laws Affecting Debt Service, What Not. We Need An Amendment To Our Constitution To Be Doing Their Opinion Public-Private Partnerships, I Believe. Wouldn't It Be Easier If We Are Going To Be

Doing Those To Invigorate North Fort Myers And Lehigh Area By Saying We'll Be Happy To Be A Part Of This Public-Private Partnership. However, You Have To Do Business Up Here? Because We're Talking About Bringing High-Paying Jobs. We're Talking At One Of The Meetings I Went To, They Said That The Average Income Of A Household In That Area Is \$34,000. Those Studies Have Been Done Already. These People Don't Have The Spending Power, And That's What We Need To Create Up There, And Spending \$50,000 To Put Those Numbers Together Again, I Just Wonder If It's The Best Use Of Our Taxpayer Dollars, And That's Really All I Have To Say.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Ms. Eller. Thank You For Your Love Of North Fort Myers.

Thank You. Basically That's What We've Done. There's An Area We Have A Concern Over, And We're Leaping The Leapfrog Over To 31. Basically Just Bypasses Where We Need The Help.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Thank You. Charles Whitehead.

Good Morning.

Frank Mann: Welcome Back, Mr. Whitehead.

My Name Is Charlie Whitehead. I'm Here Representing The Beach Area Civic Association. First Of All, If Y'all Are Interested In Paying For The Impact Of The Development Of The Property Or Any Other, There's A Really Straight Forward, Simple Way To Do It. It's Called Impact Fees. Second Of All, This Is When I'm Supposed To Talk To You About This Afternoon? Do We Do That Later?

Frank Mann: It's The Very Next Thing We're Doing, And I Think I'm -- Are There Other Members Here That Want To Speak To Anything Of Your Heart's Desire Other Than The Workshop This Afternoon? No. So Let's Use You As A Segue Into The Workshop.

The Only Thing I Wanted To Tell You About The Conservation 2020 Language Is I Think That The Statements From Each Of The Commissioners, You Know, Since I Don't Expect It To Make It Into The Ballot Language, A Statement From The Commissioners That They Don't See This As A Tax Increase. That They Acknowledge That This Money Is Currently Being Collected And That This Is Not Going To Result In An Increase In My Property Taxes To Pay For Conservation 2020. I Think That Would Go A Long Way Toward Assuring People This Fall That What They Think They Are Voting For They Are Actually Voting For. There Has Been Some History Over The Last Couple Of Years Of People Voting For What They Believe To Be Environmental Measures To Buy Land That Turned Out To Be Something Else. That's Not On Y'all, But It Is Hanging Out There In The Public's Mind. That's All I Have To Say. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Charles. George Wheaton.

Good Morning, Commissioners. For The Record, My Name Is George Wheaton. I'm Here Representing Myself. I, However, Have Been On A Very Successful Conservation Committee For A Long Time. It's Been A Privilege. I Really Want To Reference The Ballot Language For The Referendum That You Are Going To Have At Your Workshop This Afternoon, And Similar To What Charlie Is Saying, I Would Like To Make Sure That The Voters And Taxpayers Understand You're Not Trying To Increase Their Taxes By Asking Them To Vote For This Program And Continue The Program. It's Not Plain In The Language You're Going To Look At. I Think It Could Easily Be Inserted In It. It Hasn't Happened Yet, But I Would Like To See This Board Discuss It Very Thoroughly To Insert The Language That You're Not Asking For A Tax Increase Because You Are Not. So That's Really The Basic Thing That It Needs To Be Put In There, And Probably Essential To The Voters Today As Charlie Said. Some Things Happen That Increase Taxes, And It Didn't Really Go Where They Thought It Would. This Has Been Successful. You Have Been Successful In This Program. Let's Keep It That Way. Make It Plain On The Ballot Language That That's Where You Are Going. You're Not Trying To Increase Taxes. You're Trying To Continue On With A Very Successful Conservation Program Funded By Local Taxes. Thank You Very Much.

Frank Mann: Thank You, Mr. Wheaton, And Thank You For Your Demonstrated Love Of The County That Has Been Your Home All Your Life. Thank You So Much. Marissa, Are You Still Here? Caroso. Are There Others That Would Like To Speak On Any Item That Is Important To Your Heart Or Involved In The Workshop This Afternoon? Brad, You're Here. Okay. You'll Follow-Up Marissa. Thank You.

Good Morning, Commissioners. Marissa Caroso On Behalf Of The Conservancy Of Public Florida. Thank You For The Opportunity To Provide Some Comments On The Ballot Language You'll Be Discussing This Afternoon For 2020. I Want To Focus On Two Provisions Which We Felt Were Really Essential To Include In The Ballot Language, And We're Happy To See That Both Of These Are Addressed In The Current Language From Lee County Today. The First One Is Insuring That The Ballot Clearly Identifies 2020 As An Existing Program. That Would Be Continuing With A Yes Vote On The Referendum, And Identifying That It Has Been Done In The First Sentence And The First Line Of The Ballot Language. Whether Voters Want To Continue The Program In Order To Highlight The 2020 Is In Place Now, And The Program With A Very Successful History, And It Is Not A New Initiative Or A New Tax. It Has Already Been Mentioned. The Other Key Point That We Really Wanted To See In The Ballot Was That The Language Specifically References The Ordinance. 75 Words Is Not Very Long, And It Is Difficult To Capture The Whole Functions And Benefits Provided By 2020 In One Paragraph. By Tying It To The Ordinance, When We Go Out To The Public With An Education And An Outreach Campaign, We Can Point To The Ordinance Document And Talk About The Criteria For The Properties. We Can Talk About New Funding Mechanism That Was Adopted Last Year, And We Can Point To Section 8 In The Ordinance, Which Clearly States That Funds Appropriated Into The Acquisition Or The Management Fund Are To Be Used Solely To Meet The Intent Of The Program. All Of These Are Important

Aspects Of The Program, Which -- The Existing Program Which Would Be Challenging To Describe In The 75 Words Or Less. As You Know, 2020 Has Undergone A Pretty Extensive Review Process, And We Feel It's Really Poised To, You Know, Pick Up The Momentum On Some Strategic Nominations That Are Currently Under Review In Negotiations, And There Are A Lot Of Great Habitat And Hydrological Restoration Activities Currently Going On. It's Really Been A Critical Program For Lee County. We Fully Support It, And We Really Think It's Essential To Maintain The Balance Between Environmental Sustainability And Future Growth Of The County. We Feel In November It's Going To Be Here Before We Know It, And We Want To Start Focussing On The Outreach And Education Campaign, And We Look Forward To Your Discussion This Afternoon. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You. Mr. Cornell. With Card In Hand. Thank You.

Good Morning, Commissioners. I'm Brad Cornell, And I'm Here On Behalf Of The Western Everglades. I Wanted To Just Comment A Little Bit For Your Workshop This Afternoon. As You Know, The Advisory Committee Class Act Had A Vigorous Hearing And Debate, Discussion, Up At The North Fort Myers Recreation Center. That Was Very Interesting, And We Had A Few Issues That We Thought Might Be Incorporated Into The Text. Several Of Us Had Gotten Together. I Think On The Whole The Discussion Was Productive One, And The Language, The Preferred Language, That's In Front Of You Now, Has Support. I Think It's Time To Move On And Get To The Campaign. This Is -- The Fuse Is Short. We Don't Have A Whole Lot Of Time Before The Fall And November Is Here. I Agree With Marissa's Point About This Is A Continuation Of A Very Successful Campaign. You All Have Been A Part Of That. You Can Be A Part Of Continuing That If The Voters Agree With This. I Think They Will. It's Also Clearly Identified In The Ordinance. This Has Been A 20-Year Successful -- Tremendously Successful Program That Has Given Says Ecological, Economic, And Quality Of Life Benefits For Every Lee County Citizen. Clearly There's Room For That To Continue As Lee County Continues To Grow, And We're Going To Continue This Program, And All You Have To Do Is Look At Crew. We're Not Done With Buying The Land For Crew. You Can't Manage Crew Unless You Complete That 68,000 Acre Project. These Are All Places That We Have Work To Continue To Do For The Benefit Of This Beautiful Nature And Citizens Of Lee County. It's A Program To Celebrate, And It's A Program To Continue. Thank You.

Frank Mann: Thank You. On That Subject As We Take A Break And Move Towards The Workshop Let Me Ask You, Mr. West, To Clarify The Project. We'll Discuss This Again, The 2020 Language, This Afternoon And Try To Form A Consensus, But That Still Brings It Back To Us For Final Adoption.

Yes.

Frank Mann: Public, You Will Have One More Shot At Whether You Like The Language As Hopefully Arrived At By Consensus Today, But There Will Be A Blue Sheet That Puts It

Officially On The Ballot Later On. Roger, I Didn't Give You An Opportunity To Introduce The Workshop. If You Have Anything You Would Like To Add To It.

Thank You, Mr. Chair. Just Reminder That There Will Be Three Topics Discussed This Afternoon. One Would Be The Utilities Capital Improvement Budget Proposed Capital Improvement Budget For Next Year And An Overview Of The Solid Waste System And, Of Course, The Conversation On The Ballot Language For 2020.

Frank Mann: Further Comments By The Commission? We're Adjourned Until The Workshop This Afternoon. Thank You.